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Russia pulls back from spy showdown

Threat to expel nine diplomats

PHIL REEVES and HELEN WOMACK and JOHN LICHFIELD

Intense negotiations were underway last night in an effort to dampen down the worst spying row between Britain and Russia since the Cold War. The move came amid continued pressure from hardliners in Moscow's security services for the expulsion of nine British embassy staff.

It appeared that Moscow might at least be reconsidering the severity of its proposed ac-tion, according to British sources, with signs of differences between the Russian security

services and the foreign ministry. The British ambassador to Moscow, Sir Andrew Wood, had a 30-minute meeting with Russia's Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, yesterday in an attempt to iron out the crisis, which began with the arrest of a young Russian man who was allegedly recruited by M16. The ambassador emerged

from the meeting saying only. that the discussion had been "private" - raising hopes that Moscow and London may have made progress in trying to find dal before further damage is done to bilateral relations.

The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifland, said last night that Mr Primakov did not formally repeat the threat to expel British diplomats during the meeting. Mr Rifkind said Mr Primakov told Sir Andrew that Russia "wanted to avoid any emotional or rushed decisions". During a lengthy meeting, called at Mr Primakov's request, the Russians apparently did not confirm - but did not

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withdraw - yesterday's threat to expel nine British diplomats.

No demands were made of a kind that I'm familiar with," Mr Rifkind said in Birmingham. where he had chaired a meeting of European foreign and defence ministers.

Had Mr Primakov confirmed the expulsion of nine diplomats - as the Federal Security Services, the new KGB, demanded - past practice suggests that the amhassador would have



announced it immediately. It the fate of the Britons which tie mood of voters.

owes much to an apparent disagreement between the FSB and the Russian Foreign Ministry tensions that have arisen despite Mr Primakov's past employment as the head of the foreign

intelligence services. The FSB said that Sir Andrew Wood had been handed a list of nine British diplomats at the embassy who had been declared "persona non grata" for having links with the agent, who is accused of "passing on political, defence, and strategic information".

But later in the day the For-ign Ministry - which officially has responsibility for foreign relations - declined to confirm this. Asked when a decision on the expulsions would be taken. a ministry spokesman, Grigory Karasin, said: "As soon as we know about it, we will let you

.The issue that appears to have divided the two government departments is how Russia should respond to the arrest of the alleged spy. In contrast to the FSB, which is known to contain a large hardline anti-Western element, Mr Karasin was at pains to limit the diplomatic damage; "We see our main task as avoiding an overemotional reaction and hasty decisions which could have a negative effect on the success-

governmental relations." His conciliatory tone gave rise to hopes that there will not be a tit-for-tat exchange between London and Moscow, with both sides throwing ont more of the other's nationals. But with an election looming, the Russian government may attempt to ended a day of confusion over exploit the present nationalis-

ful development of inter-

it clear yesterday that if the ex-pulsions did go ahead, his veiled threat on Monday to respond in kind would also stand. "We welcome the fact that the Russian government is discussing their concerns with us," he said.

Reading between the lines, it appears that Britain accepts that a genuine case of espionage has been uncovered. But it regards the proposed Russian re-

sponse as grossly exaggerated, possibly for electoral reasons.

The six that batsman Paul Jarvis struck for Sussex in the last over of their match against Surrey struck the wrong note possibly for electoral reasons.

With one neighbouring householder. As the ball cleared the ground at Hove, spectators heard a crash and the resident Further reports, page 10 of a nearby flat got a unwelcome surprise

The six that bowled a matron over **Tories** fall out over MPs'

JOHN RENTOUL and CHRIS BLACKHURST

Some of the Tory party's highest-carning MPs were under attack from their colleagues last night for refusing to disclose all of their outside income in the new Register of Members' Interests published vesterday.

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MPs who had fully declared their outside income yesterday privately expressed their hitterness about senior colleagues who had not disclosed everything they carned in addition to their parliamentary salaries.

"I feel very bitter about those who haven't declared fully. The big-hitters are avoiding declaring," said one backbencher. He also blamed John Major for "getting us into this mess"

A number of Tory MPs, including former Cabinet members David Mellor. Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Baker and Norman Lamont and former prime minister Sir Edward Heath. have not declared on the vast majority of their outside income, arguing that it is not related to their role as MPs.

The new register reveals dif-ferences over the interpretation of the new rules, brought in after the Nolan report into stan-

dards in public life.
As a result the highest outside earnings declared yesterday were those of Roy Hattersley, Labour former deput leader, with a possible maximum of £110,000 last year.

Mr Hattersley said he had conformed to the spirit of the agreement and regretted that others had not. Sir Gordon Downey, the standards commissioner, admitted that memhers had had difficulty interpreting the rules but he said it was up to the Commons "to judge whether the information provided matches that intended under the resolution".

Who are the fat cats? page 2

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Olympic athletes 'told to sign away rights'



Diane Modahi: 'Would have had no chance of clearing her name'

MIKE ROWBOTTOM Athletics Correspondent

Competitors at this summer's Atlanta Olympics are being asked to sign away their legal rights in any disputes, including those involving drugs. If they do not agree to abide

by the decision of an ad hoc sporting commission at the Games, the International Olympic Committee will not allow them to take part. Vicente Modahl, whose wife,

Diane Modahl, won a long battle against doping allegations last month after being sent home from the 1994 Commonwealth Games, described the IOC proposal as a "gross violation of human rights.". He and other agents are calling for the plan to be abandoned. The news that British com-

petitors will be required, for the first time, to sign such an entry form for the Olympics came as a surprise to the British Athletic Federation yesterday.
Its spokesman, Tony Ward,

commented: "Our position is that people should always have legal redress in such cases if they find they have been hard done by. It is a basic human right."

The federation has recently had to pay for its principle - in a sequence to her appeal against the mitial four-year doping ban imposed by a BAF panel in 1994. Diane Modahl is now suing them for £480,000

damages. British competitors already sign an agreement with the British Olympic Association when they come to pick up their uniforms. The contract obliges them to accept IOC jurisdiction. hat does not preclude going to

law to challenge any ruling. Du'Aine Ladejo, Britain's European 400m champion, commented: "I can see where the IOC are coming from. They want to simplify things at their end. But I can't see any athlete signing away their rights for a

The Olympic entry form includes the following clause:

fair hearing.

Tagree that the decisions of lanta tribunal, defended the the Court of Arbitration for IOC position. There is no rea-Sport shall be final, nonappealable and enforceable. I all not institute any claim, arbitration, or litigation or seek

any form of relief in any other court or tribunal." Vicente Modahl is among those calling for the document to be reconsidered. "If Diane had signed a document like this hefore the Commonwealth Games of 1994 she would have been found guilty within the premises of the Commonwealth Games and she would have

had no chance of challenging the verdict later." Michael Beloff OC, the British representative on the At-

son at all," he said, "why a panel of this kind shouldn't be able to adjudicate on a drugsrelated dispute very promptly and very fairly. The technology is available, the parties can be represented, and the body is familiar with the rules that

govern the sport. Legal sources last night suggested that matter would probally be one for the American courts to decide. But the possibility that English courts might consider they had jurisdiction was not ruled out - and if this was the case, they are likely to be extremely resistant to the IOC proposal.



ments ever seen on British television" were launched by the Government vesterday as part of a campaign against speeding

Child sex murder Two men abducted, sexually assaulted and killed a nineyear-old boy to satisfy a "perverted" sexual fantasy, a court

heard yesterday. Today's weather Dry and bright with good sunny spells. Section Two, page 29





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Ruling drives gardener to verge of despair

A pensioner who has lovingly nurtured the verge in front of his home for 30 years has been told the fruits of his horticultural efforts are illegal. George Raper, 83, and his

wife, Patricia, of Little Fransham, near Dercham, Norfolk, were amazed when a letter arrived from Norfolk County Council's planning and transportation department, saying their rockery was in breach of the Highways Act 1980.

A county council spokesman said rocks placed near to a roud posed a danger to pedestrians. But he was at a loss to explain why it had taken officials 30 years to notice the Rapers'

Mr Raper said the council's attitude was ridiculous: "The

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thing has been there for 30 years. I put it there after we moved in because the place had been neglected by the local authority and it was full of rubbish. They say it's dangerous, but it is six feet long, two feet wide and six inches high. It's at the end

of a dead end anyway, so no-

body is going to fail over it. "I've been getting a lot of sup-port, from local people and the parish council. I'm going to sit this out to the end. But if they decide to take me to court there's no way I can defend my self against that. I've planted daffodils, tulips and bluebells and I'll just take the ruddy lot out. The villagers won't like

Mrs Raper accused the council of behaving in an "ludi-crous" fashion: "He's heen tending it for 30 years and in all

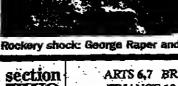
word about it. Now they say it's dangerous. It's ludicrous and everybody thinks so."

She added that they would be writing to the council to mestion the decision. Council officials are expected to hold discussions with the couple in the near future.

A council spokesman said the rocks and flowers were all technically illegal. "The flowers we don't really have a problem with, he said. "We can come to some arrangement over that. But the rocks placed so near to the road are dangerous, especially if people are trying to cross

But if the rocks were so dangerous, why had it taken the council 30 years to decide? "I'm still trying to get to the bot-tom of that," he added.





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locked up for life A psychopath who killed his.

landlady and her two children by setting fire to their home was

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were fielded by the comic duo of Arhuthoot and Soames. Oslensibly James Arbuthnot is the straight man. Heir presumptive to a baronetcy and a guitar player, his main role is to attack Labour for being soft on defence. This he does with the absolute minimum of vocal inflection, rhetorical flourish, or hroadcast as delivered by the speaking clock: "At the first stroke Labour is a party we know What establishes Mr Ar-Hattersley

CHRIS BLACKHURST

and JOHN RENTOUL

published yesterday.

Roy Hattersley emerges as Par-liament's highest declared out-

side earner, according to the

new register of MPs interests

is "declared". While Mr Hat-

tersley, the former Labour

deputy leader and MP for Birm-

ingham Sparkbrook, picks up a maximum of £110,000 from

two newspaper writing con-

tracts - The Guardian pays him

£25,001-£30,000 and the Mail on Sunday £75,001-£80,000 - he is

not, by a mile, Westminster's

That distinction belongs to

one of several Conservative

MPs, who, while holding ou-

merous external consultancies

and directorships, have refused

to reveal how much they are

Uoder the new, post-Nolan rules, they should declare how

much they earn from contracts

services io their capacity as

ministers to maintain they have

been hired because they are for-

mer ministers, not current MPs.

posts held by the likes of Nor-

man Lamont, David Mellor,

Garel-Jones that they do not all

earn more than Mr Hattersley.

Similarly, some Tory MPs have persuaded Sir Gordon

Downey, the new policeman for

parliamentary standards, that

It is difficult, looking at the

"fat cat"

The operative word, though,

With Michael Portillo away either banning lethal weapons,

or selling them (or both),

defence questions in the House



DAVID AARONOVITCH

ter is the declaration in the gravest monotone of preposterous statements. Yesterday, for instance, he attributed to Labour a Transport & General Workers' Union policy which, he droned, would mean "a cut of £18bn in the defence budget. We

ing to do with their day jobs as

Mr Mellor, the former Sec-retary of State for National Heritage, provides the most robust defence of his non-dec-

laration in his entry: "It is not

now, and never has been a

contractual duty, implied or

otherwise, that my services are

provided in my capacity as an

MP. The existence of these con-

tracts is not dependent in any way upon my being an MP, nor

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ceived. The companies include: British Aerospace, Short Broth-

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Mr Hattersley's reaction to

his top slot, yesterday, was a

mixture of resignation and

and has suffered accordingly, he

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wouldn't be able to afford any armed forces at all, but would have to depend on civilians". In your dreams, James. For

opposite him on Labour's froot hench was as blood-curdling a group of belligerent middleaged men as can be gathered together outside the Ulster marching season. In Dr John Reid (Motherwell North), John Speliar (Warley West) and Paul Murphy (Torfaen) New Labour has gathered to speak for it on defence a collection of small Celtic pugilists and Cockney bruisers - the sort who like to headbutt much larger chaps outside pubs at closing time. This group's concept of Labour

defence is gleaned from its Israeli counterparts. Talk peace, but if anyone messes with you,

take out their grandmothers. Far from cutting defence their every instinct is to spend more on it. They love it - the planes, tanks, and marines. They can't wait until it's their turn to send the SAS into some desert or other, or be photographed with their balding bonces poking out of the hatch of a Challenger. Liberated from that dark period of pacifism, when everyone was forced to talk about "weapons of mass destruction" and "ban the bomb", they are now free to extol the unique virtues of Britain's military.

This led to an odd kind of could still see Britain's iron symmetry in the House. Labour would attack the Government for cutting the Navy, the Army, RAF flying instructors etc. and Mr Arbuthnot would reply by accusing Labour of wanting to

ent them even more. One rather longed for some old Footian (New Roy Hattersley, perhaps?) to stand up and applaud. I shouldn't have worried. To my relief rode then ther half of the incumbeot comedy act, Nicholas Soames. It started when former Scottish miners' leader Eric Clarke (Lab. Midlothian) asked a regressive question about the role of the Navy. In his mind's eye he

The top 10 MPs in the Commons' league of outside declared earnings

ramparts, riding the High Seas, fuelled by Scottish coal.

Mr Soames, a man of intuition, understood Mr Clarke's romanticism. The honourable gentleman, he said was "caught in the wooderful time-warn of Midlothian". Up, from his special cushion on the secood bench, arose the formidable figure of Tam Dalyell, MP for neighbouring Linlithgow. What did Soames of Midlothian know? Specifically, "can he

name une town in the county?" There was a pause as Mr Soames scanned the recesses of his memory for a file marked Midlothian: towns of - and failed to find it. But he has been here before, and has a strategy. What I know about Midlothian can be written on the back of a very large postage stamp", he declared. "Except for the Midlothian question, which we are all waiting to hear the answer to."

There was a friendly roar. The famous interrogation (concerning Scottish devolution) was, of course, actually the West Lothian question. Unhlushingly Mr Soomes replied that the two Lothians couldn't be that far apart. Which, if you think about it, coming from a defence minister, is an uncomfortable answer for neighbours of, say, Libya or Iraq.

his release date would not be reviewed by the parole board for eight years and they would be told oot to consider freeing him until he was no longer a

danger to the public. A little extra

Teenagers' average weekly pocket money increased from £8.78 to £10.80 last year, and the number of young people choosing to save it rather than spend increased from 28% to 43%. Only 9% spend it all, according to a survey by the Halifax Building Society of its 16 and 17-yearold savers. Money earned from part-time work has increased from £19.23 to £26.98. They spend most money oo going out (77%), clothes (74%) and music and videos (62%).

Trigger happy

The controversial men's magazine Loaded was named consumer magazine of the year for the second year running by the Periodical Publishers Association. The magazine, which specialises in football, scantily-clad models, pop stars and comedians, was applauded by the association judges for its original ideas, writing and visuals. The title's publisher, Andy Mc-Duff, who is also responsible for Muzik and Goal, was named Publisher of the Year.

Search stepped up

Police have stepped up the search for a missing Asian student after his abandooed rucksack was found on a rock ledge at a Welsh beauty spot. Jiwaid Ahmed, 21, who is studying English at St David's College, Lampeter, disappeared from the college oo 17 March, but was seeo in the Aberystwyth. area during the Easter holidays. Dyfed-Powys police and coastguards combed the seaside town's Constitutioo Hill area last weekend without success

News chief named

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Channel 5, which goes on air next year, has appointed an editor for its oews service. Chris Shaw, 38, a News At Ten editor, will launch the first new nonsatellite prime time ocws programme in Britain since Channel 4 News in 1982. Shaw joined ITN in 1984 and left for Sky News in 1988. He returned two years later as foreign editor during the Gulf War. Dawn Airey of Channel 5 said: "Chris is one of the most outstanding people in television news today.

Two found dead

Two teenagers were found dead from a suspected cocktail of drugs and drink in a flat in a sea-side town. The pair, helieved to be aged 16 and 17 and from the Staffordshire area, were found dead by paramedics called to the flat in Torquay, Devon. Post mortem examinations will be carried out today to discover the exact cause of death.

Suspect collapses

A man being questioned about an arsoo attack in which four children died collapsed in his cell at Southampton Central police station. He was taken to Southampton General Hospital, where he is under police guard. The hospital said he was suffering from head injuries and his condition was satisfactory.

Worse than pointless The Stanford Arms puh soccer

team has been relegated from division one of the Lowestoft Sunday League in Suffolk with minus two points. Their solitary point from one draw in 18 games was wiped out when they lost three points after call-ing a match off because they could not field a full team.

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David Shaw, Tory MP for

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Prescott and other members of

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dustrial Research Trust, head-ed by Lord Haskel, a Northern Industry. All gifts worth more than £125 have to be disclosed. industrialist, which continues to fund other frontbench offices. More significantly, he has rearranged the system by which a spokeswoman said. As with most other Labour his office is funded. Earlier this year the Labour leader's of- MPs, the Labour leader decase the Transport and Gener-al Workers Union, contributed "blind trust", where Mr Blair and his office do oor know the more than 25 per cent of his identity of contributors so that election expenses at the 1992 they cannot be influenced by general election. them. The trustees of the fund

cease after the next election, because the 1933 Hastings Agreemeot, under which unions sponsor individual Labour MPs. was ended three mooths ago. Instead, unions will reach

John Prescott Campaign/Re-

But these declarations will This replaces funding agreements with local Labour through a body called the In-

search Trust to finance his Opposition. He declares a car on loan from Rover group and, belatedly, attendance at a seminar on the oil industry at the Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland in May 1994, sponsored by Conoco. Tory MPs also intend to tar-

play no part, David Shaw, Tory

MP for Dover, condemned this

as "outrageous non-disclosure".

has set up his own trust, the

John Prescott, meanwhile,

get Ian McCartney, a Labour employment spokesman, who declares £30,500 last year from three unions, Unison, the Communication Workers and the

Oyston 'conspiracy' claim

lionaire husinessman who is accused of rape, told a court yesterday that he was the victim of a long-running conspiracy by two government ministers.
Oyston, chairman of Black-

pool Football Club, alleged that Lord Blaker - formerly the Blackpool South MP Peter Blaker – and the ex-sports min-ister Robert Atkins, MP for South Ribble, had mounted the conspiracy against him and the North West Labour Party. Oystoo, 62, a life-long Labour supporter, told Liver-pool Crown Court that he had 48 hours of tape recordings of conversations between Lord

Blaker, Mr Atkins, Blackpool businessman William Harrison, a man named Michael Murrin

Owen Oyston, the multi-mil- senior people in the Conservaagainst them heard because of a lawyer's mistake. He was oow acting through the European Court of Human Rights.

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are Lord (Merlyn) Rees, a for-

mer Home Secretary, Baroness

(Breoda) Dean, the former

print unioo leader, and

Baroness (Margaret) Jay, a Labour health spokeswoman in

the House of Lords.

Earlier, a detective told the court - where Oyston denies raping two teenage models -that at the start of an interview in February last year the tycoon claimed his arrest at Claughton Hall, his home near Lancaster, was linked to the conspiracy. It was, Oyston said, only three weeks before his civil case against the politicians was due hefore the High Court.

He alleged that a "very nasty" campaign had been waged against him for 10 to 12 years. "I am sufficiently cynical in life

the years by newspapers and included mansioo late at night. tive Party". Oyston said he had dividuals to think there is a confailed to have a civil action nection," he told the officer. On the eighth day of the rape trial, Oystoo said that at ooe

time he was being investigated by the Fraud Squad, the Inland Revenue, the Drugs Squad, the City's regulatory takeover body IMRO, international private investigators, the Sunday Times and other newspapers. He told defeoce counsel Anthony Scrivener, QC, that he had been cleared of wrong-doing. In 1989, he won substantial damages, costs and an apology from the Sunday Times.
Oyston deinies two charges of

rape and a further charge of indecently assaulting one of the girls. The first girl claimed she was forced into sex, aged 18, after being driven to his se-

The second said she was forced to have oral sex in the back of a car, and then watched Oyston have sex on a bed with another girl before joining them and being raped at the age of 16. Oyston, who divorced his wife Vicky in 1982 and remarried her six years later, said that in between, when he was chief executive of the Miss World

group, he had "a lot of girl-friends". He claimed a longstanding sexual relationship with the first girl. "I have never raped anyone. If I had, I would he deeply ashamed. There is absolutely no need for that in life. If I want to have sex. it is not the hardest thing for a man in my position." The trial was adjourned

Elderly test council care cuts in court

The right of thousands of elderly and disabled people to contest cuts in community care services was put to the test yesterday in an appeal court challenge against cutbacks imposed after councils ran out of funds, writes

Patricia Wynn Davies. A ruling in favour of the two cash-strapped councils involved in the appeal will give the green light to local authorities to reassess the needs for services

throughout England and Wales. In the linked appeals a pensioner, Michael Barry, represented by Richard Gordon QC and the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (Radar), represented by Cherie Booth QC, claim that Gloucestershire and Lancashire councils respectively broke the law

by withdrawing services even though needs of elderly and disabled people had not changed. The court's decision, ex-

pected within a few weeks, is viewed by community care ex-perts as the potential high-wa-ter mark of the impact of judicial review in the community care field. Mr Barry's case was originally brought on behalf of 1,500 other disabled and elderly people

who had home help services summarily withdrawn by Gloucestershire in September 1994. The other case concerns Annie Ingham, 88, whose 24hour home care services were stopped despite an assessment that residential care was damaging her health. She has since died.

Easing of beef ban still 'months away'

The European Commission be-lieves it will be months before member states will agree to lift the ban on British beef, sources in Brussels said yesterday. writes Sarah Helm.

The Commission, which wants to ease the ban, will today attempt to gauge which states are ready to agree with it. The idea of lifting the ban on gelatine and tallow, two beef-related products, will be floated at the secood day of a meeting in Brussels of the EU's Standing Veterinary Commission.

Germany is expected to reject the proposal and others may follow. However, if Germany is the only objector, the measure could be voted through. A vote would then be taken oext week oo easing the ban.

that eradication is being properly carried out. Britain "ap-

said one seoior official. Britain's partners insist there should he evidence of a programme producing a fall in BSE cases, meaning that an easing of the ban could be "several months down the line", according to one official.

 A farmer who falsified forms to claim cattle he sold had come from BSE-free farms was fined £30,000 by a court. David Dunster, 62, of Dartington, south Devon, was also ordered to pay £8,500 costs at Plymouth

Member states remain extremely worried about Britain's failure to provide reassurance peared incapable of organising an eradication programme".

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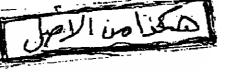
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CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The assembled press was silent as the television screen went blank, and the minister, Steven Norris, was fighting back tears as he tried to speak. No one could disagree when he finally managed to hlurt out that "this is the most powerful advertisement ever seen on British tele-

The new advertisements, which are the latest instalment in a five-year campaign against speeding drivers, have broken new ground by showing home video footage of children who were later killed in road accidents near their homes. The images of happy children at home and on holiday, a couple of

Attitude problem People regard drinking and

driving as a crime as serious as armed robbery, but con-sider urban speeding only slightly more serious than TV licence evasion, according to a Department Of Transport survey yesterday. Speeding, generally, was seen as extremely serious by 52 per cent, hut only 33 per cent thought doing 40mph in a 30mph limit was extremely serious, compared to 42 per cent who thought Trigger to a evading the TV licence was.

> them even waving goodbye as if knowing their fate, are the backdrop to readings of poems about death by WH Auden, Christina Rossetti and Walter de la Mare, At the end, it is revealed that all the children were killed in road accidents. The result is incalculably more effective than the sleek advertisements with ac-

tors used in the past. The videos of six children -Laura, just 6 weeks old, Tracy, aged 6, Adam, 7, Andrew, 11, William, 11, and Donna, 13 - of drivers,"

Funeral Blues

Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone, Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone, Silence the pianos and with muffled drum Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.

Let ueroplanes circle moaning overhead. Scribbling on the sky the message He Is Dead, Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves, Let the traffic policeman wear black cotton gloves.

He was my North, my South, My East and West, My working week and my Sunday rest. My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song I thought that love would last forever, I was wrong.

are all being used with the permission of the parents as part of a £1.7m campaign that will he running this month. It also includes a series of radio advertisements featuring the voices of relatives of the children. The parents were traced by the advertising agency, Abbott Mead Vickers, through local council road safety officers, but have been promised anonymity. Mr Norris, the roads minister, who asked that the families be left alone with their grief, said the youngsters had all been killed near their homes and all within 30mph speed limit zones. He stressed that the campaign

was not aimed at "boy racers" who were unlikely to change their habits, but at "Mr and Mrs average responsible citizen" who did not understand the dangers of speeding in urban areas. He said that over 1,200 people - a third of the total road

deaths toll, including 160 child pedestrians - were killed and over 100,000 people injured in 1995 in speed-related crashes. RoadPeace, the national charity representing victims of road crashes, said that advertising campaigns do "little on their own to cut speeds". The organisation is calling for a 20mph limit in built-up areas, on-board speed limiters on new vehicles and tougher speed enforcement.

Mr Norris said that while over 200 20mph zones had been established in the past five years, a hlanket introduction in urban areas would be counterproductive because it would be widely ignored on roads where "it seemed inappropriate".

Edmund King, head of cam-paigns at the RAC, welcomed the campaign and said: "Physical traffic-calming has grown with the spread of cameras and road humps, but what we really need is mental traffic-calming in the minds of a minority





Speed kills: One of the posters that safety campaigners hope will help to raise awareness of the dangers of driving too fast Photograph: Edward Sykes Below: Three of the children who are featured in the campaign - (left to right) Andrew, aged 11, six-weeks-old baby Laura, and Adam, aged seven



Highland rail plan gets the go-ahead

news

By STEPHEN GOODWIN

The controversial plan to build a funicular railway on Cairn Gorm, one of Britain's highest mountains, moved closer to reality vesterday when Scottish Natural Heritage grudgingly withdrew its objec-tion to the £17m project.

SNH chairman Magnus Magnusson and his board met for more than three hours to discuss a management plan, proposed by the Cairngorm Chairlift Company, to protect environmentally sensitive high mountain plateau.

Though the railway will provide more jobs, it will dismay

conservation groups.

The RSPB, who own land on the plateau vital for rare birds such as the dotterel and snow hunting, are likely to pursue their apposition to the railway through the European Commission. The area is subject to the EU's most stringent rules for environment protection.

SNH also said it remained "highly sceptical" about the project. It added: "While the development may be made tolerable, we remain highly sceptical that it is desirable or is the best development option for tourism

in this area. "Our experience of this case confirms our view that there is an urgent need for a more strategic and consensus-building approach to planning."

But despite the cautiouslyworded decision, there was a huge sigh of relief from the company, who said the £17 million project and the 360 jobs it will bring, was essential to the survival of Britain's higgest ski re-

They can begin putting together the financial package. which involves crucial European funding, to make the project a pected to start in the spring of 1997.

Chairman Hamish Swan said: "We are pleased that redevelopment of the ski area will now proceed without a costly and lengthy public inquiry."

The 2km funicular is planned to carry about 1200 skiers an hour. It will scale the slopes in just five minutes, mostly along a viaduct built on 93 concrete

'McLibel' trial loses taste for dramatic on day 245

NICHOLAS SCHOON

They have been at it for 245 days - and it shows. The judge in Britain's longest civil court case, the McLibel trial, struggles to keep his exasperation at bay with kindly smiles.

But Richard Rampton QC, counsel for McDonald's, is unsmiling in his testy interventions. Within seconds of David Morris, one of the defendants, beginning his halting, "um"-laced cross-examination of the hamburger giant's top man in Britain vesterday, Mr Rampton rose. "He's already playing to the gallery," he complained.
The "McLibel two", Mr Mor-

ris and Helen Steel, had urged the press to attend the High Court in London yesterday to hear their resumed cross examination of Paul Preston, president and chief executive of the corporation's 674 UK restaurants. He was last on the stand

up the plot (unless some malign twist of fate had compelled you to spend the previous 244

"No, just pause there, this is going to he hopeless," intergoing to he hopeless, intergoing to he h



Patient pair: McLibel duo David Morris and Helen Steel

jected Mr Justice Bell. It was the first of several such interjections. Next month will see the second anniversary of the case. More than 500 thick, bound files now line the walls of Court 35

laden with transcripts.
McDonald's claims Mr Mor-But if day 245 was meant to be a courtroom drama, then it was a bad one – overwritten, lacking page, and hard to pick up the plot (unless some malign food could cause bowel and breast cancer and heart disease.

they tried to join a trade union, and that the production of Mc-Donald's food caused hunger in the Third World and the destruction of rainforests. At the top of the leaflet were the vords: "McCancer, McDisease,

McHunger and McDeath." The defendants, both unemployed and reliant on state benefits, deny publishing the leaflet but argue that its con-lents are true. They have counterclaimed against McDonald's, claiming that a "McFact" sheet about their action libelled them.

support network has sprung up with a "McSpotlight" site on the Internet boasting 1,800 files covering the case.

For the McLibel two the

longer the case goes on the better. Some of the 180 witnesses have given evidence that paints McDonald's in a grim light and it makes them look like David's fighting a corporate Guliath.

For McDonald's, the only prize is for the judge to find against the defendants and deide the allegations were untrue when the case eventually ends, perhaps later this year. It will

lion pounds and there is no prospect of recovering any worthwhile damages. Yesterday, the defendants pointed to what they said were conflicts between witness statements and "McFacts" published by McDonald's, and asked the UK president to admit the lat-

have cost the chain several mil-

But Mr Preston, an American who helped run Britain's first McDonald's 21 years ago, stonewalled. "t don't lie, there's nn future in that," he said. He did admit one mistake - claims from McDonald's that it had written to the defendants asking them to desist hefore issuing writs in 1990. "I'm sorry for



Parents take girl, 12, off catwalk

REBECCA FOWLER

Than will

The parents of a 12-year-old girl have put her modelling career on hold following the outcry over her sophisticated appearance in a fashion shoot in which she ware adult clothes.

Rachel Kirby, from north London, was signed up by the Select Model Agency last month after she was spotted shopping with a friend. By her 13th hirthday she was expected to be earning £500 a

But the decision to employ set for women and young girls,

their weight. A recent survey revealed that half of 11- and 12year-old girls helieved they were overweight.

The Select agency, which has 70 schoolgirls on its books, denied yesterday it was exploiting Rachel. It said that with the backing of her parents, James Kirby, a chartered engineer studying law, and his wife Gaye, a charity worker, it had put her career on hold to protect her from "press inter-

Although Rachel is only 12, she is 5ft 10in, and appears over the increasingly young age that models begin their careers, and the crample that heavily made-up and pouting in the style of adult models, but she

many of whom are obsessed by has the skinniness of a child known as the waif look.

Dr Dec Dawson, who runs the Rhodes Farm Clinic in London for anorexic children, said: There are two problems here, one for the girl who will be absolutely lerrified by the changes happening to her body. because she will no longer be placed in the 'superwaif' cate-

Secondly there is the problem for the 16- and 17-year-old girls who see these pictures in figure which is completely

Other agencies said yesterday they would resist employing such young girls in the first place. Although most will take

on 14-year-olds part-time, they would be reluctant to expose them to the spotlight until they were at least 16.

Jose Fonseca, director of Models One which represents Yasmin Le Bon, Twiggy and Jerry Hall, said: "You are playing around with their childhood, it's just too young and they need their time to grow up and for their bodies to change shape."

She added: "The older models have actually become much more popular because women magazines, and will aspire to a are fed up of buying clothes and make-up that is modelled by a 16-year-old. A lot of the American designers, including Donna Karan, are using the older ones hecause women want to see real women."

LOUISE JURY

A former army cadet instructor

was given a life sentence yes-

terday for the murders of two

schoology friends, Paul Barker

and Rohbie Gee, on a fishing

Mr Justice Ognall warned the man, Steveo Heaney, that there must be a "profound anxiety as

to the continuing risk you pre-

sent" if releasing him was ever

Afterwards police revealed

Heaney is to be questioned io

connection with at least one oth-

er crime - a sexual assault on

two schoolboys at a fishing

pood in Lytham St Anne's

Heaney, 37, a looer who lived with his pareots in East-

denied murder when Paul, 13,

was found stabbed to death and

12-year-old Robert, known as Robbie, strangled and stabbed.

when trial began at Liverpool

Crown Court yesterday, more

than nine mooths after the

Richard Heoriques QC,

MICHAEL STREETER

Two men abducted, sexually

assaulted and killed nine-year-

old Daniel Handley to satisfy a

"perverted" sexual fantasy, a

In a "hit and run" attack, the

men snatched Daniel, from a

Loodon street, videoed them-

selves having sex with him and

then strangled the schoolboy

before hurying his body in a

John Bevan, for the prose-

cution, told the jury: "If this

sounds like a description of

acts callously inhumane and

depraved almost beyond belief,

that is exactly what this case is

about. You will bear evidence

about as depressing an example

nature, man's inhumanity to

man and downright wicked-

Brett Tyler, 30, admits false

imprisonment and buggery, but denies murdering Daniel on

2 October 1994. His former

ALUMINIUM SUSPENSION 15% LESS UNSPRUNG MASS

oess as you could imagine."

wood, the Old Bailey heard.

court was told yesterday.

But he admitted the killings

am, Merseyside, had initially

Lancashire, in 1990.

Life for a loner who

killed school friends

Paul Barker, 13 (left), and his friend Robbie Gee, 12, both murdered by Paul Heaney (right) while on a fishing trip

You put a brutal end to two innocent young lives.

The medical reports indicate that you are fully

bie Gee and directed them to other pond where he strangled meet him at one of the ponds. Robbie, an only child, with his

Boy, 9, abducted and killed to

satisfy 'perverted sex fantasy'

You will hear evidence about as depressing an example of the dark side of human

nature, man's inhumanity to man and

downight wickedness as you could imagine'

was told by his mother to return the M4, strangled in a lay-by to their Beckton home, in east close to junction 14 and buried

started a homosexual affair Bristol. Two weeks later, the

after meeting in prison - were men buried the body deeper, out "cruising" in Loodoo's East claimed Mr Bevan. The boy's grave was oear a house which

John Bevan, for the prosecution

boy," Mr Bevan told jurors.

Presumably, they saw the East

End, where neither they nor

their car was known, as an 'ideal hunting ground' for young boys aged between 8 and 13."

Under the pretext of looking

for directions, the pair pushed Daniel into Morss's Peugeot

estate car and drove the boy to

a flat in Camberwell, south

east London, where both of

them filmed and buggered him.

in a shallow grave in woods ad-

joining Bradley Stoke, near

Mr Justice Ognall to Heaney

He separated the boys, who had

been frieods since infaots

school, by suggesting to Paul be

went to look at another pond.

strangled Paul Barker with a

wire ligature that several times

eocircled his oeck and was pulled tight from behind," Mr

Henriques said. Paul was also hit several times around the head

with a mallet, suffering a frac-

tured skull, and was stabbed nine times with considerable force.

must then have returned to the

Mr Henriques said Heaney

"At that pond, it is beyond

responsible for what you did'

running up to the murders Heaney had engaged in be-

frieoding childreo oear his

home, in at least one case us-

ing a water-testing device which was probably a sham.

old boys and told them about

nearby badgers and owls and

arranged to meet them the next day. They took a 12-year-old girl with them who Heaney

attempted to grah. Both the boys declined his offer to go

Then on the day of 29 July,

he met Paul Barker and Rob-

to the self-confessed homosex-

uals were, "Are you going to kill

me?" Seconds later, be was

strangled with a length of knot-

"ordinary, harmless" schoolboy

- was singled out by the men

because of his looks. "If he had

oot been blond, presumably he

Daniel had been playing with

to their Beckton home, in east

London, by 6pm. At the same

time, Tyler and Morss - who

lover, Timothy Morss, 33, has admitted murder. The court had a fantasy in which he wantheard that Daniel's last words ed to abduct, bugger and kill a lover, David Guttridge, 60. He

On the day he was abducted,

Mr Bevan said Daniel - an

ted rope as he fell asleep.

would be alive today."

with him in his car.

He approached two 13-year-

giaot: to fine

boys' bodies were discovered by a pond near the M53 motorway in Eastham. Mr Justice Ognall told him:
"You put a brutal end to two innocent young lives. The medical reports indicate that you are fully responsible for what you did."























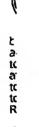


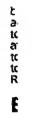


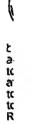




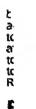




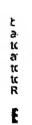


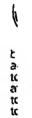


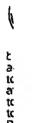




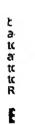






























Bequest of potter who got school's goat.



A vase given by the renowned potter Hans Coper to a Somerset school in 1972 up for sale at Sotheby's yesterday. The 2ft 6in-vase, which Coper made in exchange for a goat, failed to raise its £20,000 reserve Photograph: Edward Sykes

Safety alert over holiday hire cars

GLENDA COOPER Finding a safe hired car abroad can have "worse odds than Russian roulette", consumers

were warned yesterday.

British holidaymakers could find themselves driving away sloppy servicing, faulty head-lights or missing indicators, according to a survey carried out for Holiday Which? magazine

Of 57 cars inspected in Corfu and Spain last autumn, 17 were condemned as danger-

viced or not adequately checked Dangerous tyres were the most common problem, with 16 out of 57 cars falling into this category. The risk of a hlow-out is much greater in a tyre with a bulge in the side wall or a cut through to the fabric. And road-handling is seriously afous. The inspectors estimated

deep, especially in the wet or deathtrap," the inspectors com-with dust and sand on the road mented. py with were less than 50-50. Only five of the 57 cars ssed the inspections with no Among other cars tested, faults, while another 15 passed they found headlights and brake muster but with minor, non-

lights not working, seriously irafety related problems. One in regular tyre pressures and a car three cars were either badly serthat overheated only 5 kilomewas a Fiat Panda hired in Corfu town which had sharp edges sticking out of a bashed-in wing, an indicator missing, and a bent wheel [indicating possible steering damage]. "A bald, cut and over-inflated tyre, a faulty off the road, and take more re-

fected by tyres that are bald or headlight and dodgy spare tyre sponsibility for the safety of their

made this car even more of a customers.

ny with a British base and to look at their hire car very carefully, particularly the tyres be-fore driving away. "We are very worried that setres from the hire shop.

One of the worst examples

"We are very worried that serious faults are not being re-. paired - or even spotted," said Patricia Yates, editor of Holiday Which?

The magazine advises holi-

daymakers to choose a compa-

"People's lives are being put

that the chances of hiring a car this claim was "fanciful". The that a customer would be hap- with tread less than 1.6mm case continues.

Lottery winner Karl Cromptoo became Britain's most eligible bachelor yesterday but admit-

hands and stabbed him 10 times

Both boys had their trousers

pulled down, their shirts pulled

up and baseball caps over their

eyes when they were found

during a police search the oext

day. Heaney had gone for a drink at his local pub after

carrying out the killings.
David Steer QC said Heaney,
a factory worker, regretted his
actions and felt contempt for

The defendant had a hither-

to unblemished character, and

the court heard he had a record

of running a "good detach-

ment" with the army cadets for

several years where the children

Mr Steer added: "These

vere, of course, dreadful deeds

for which the sentences are fixed by law. We fear that any-thing we have to say will pale

Neither the Gee nor the

Barker family felt able to attend

court yesterday, but will be

seot transcripts of the 30-

minute hearing. Detective Con-stable Paul Tomlinson, one of

the police liaisoo officers who

looked after them, said: "Their

lives have been devastated by what happened."

A Ministry of Defence

record of any suggestions of wrongdoing oo Heaney's army cadet force records.

had no knowledge of the inci-dent at the time, but faces sen-

tencing for attempting to

pervert the course of justice.

Despite a massive police hunt, Daniel's body was not dis-

covered for six mooths. After

the murder, Tyler fled to the Philippines to "indulge" his

preference for young boys, said Mr Bevan. Morss later joined

him, his flight paid for by Gut-tridge, but the pair came to

blows and Morss returned to

Britain where he was arrested.

from the Philippines and he was later charged. Tyler admitted abducting buggering and video-

ing Daniel. During the car jour-

ney, he alleged Morss told him:

"You know what we have got to

said Morss urged him to "pull harder and harder" as they

At a later interview, Tyler said

he told Morss he could oot go

through with the killing and

stood outside the car while the

boy was killed. Mr Bevan said

strangled Daniel.

Officers brought Tyler back

voman said they had no

had responded to him.

into insignificance.

ted "moocy can't buy me love".
For £10.9-millioo winner Karl is too shy to ask the girl of his dreams out. Karl, 23, has admired her from afar but she only has eyes for her boyfriend. The girl who holds the key to his heart does not know who he is - and Karl would not reveal her name as he picked up his

Throwing Roses



National Lottery cheque. Asked if he would ask her out now he was a millionaire, he said: "No. ... I don't think her boyfriend Lovelorn: Karl Crompton has £10.9m - but no girffriend would be very pleased."

DAILY POEM

By Jeremy Reed The statue's eyes turn green. It's my mistake supposing Japanese girls use chopsticks to make their eyes up as well as address a seaweed salad discriminately, and so often your words turn blue in talking of the sea, how a wave leans on green convexity to catch the sky in its reflection. Oriental girls are flowers which have learnt to pout. We use words which are metaphors on stalks,

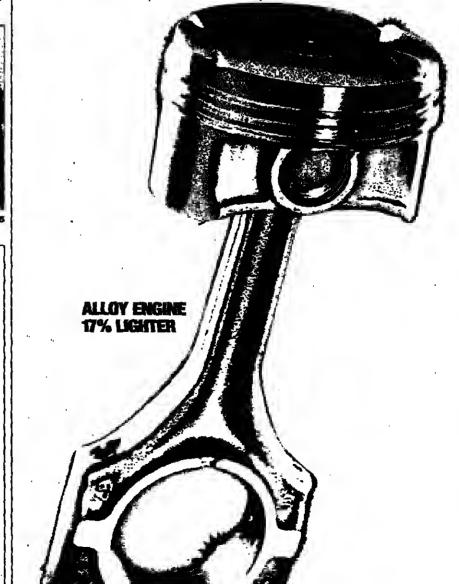
or roses thrown into a panther's mouth.

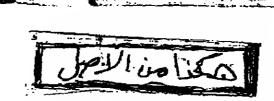
or roses thrown into a pantner's mouth.
Cloud building up, I think of small hurbours
contact-lensed into a distraught coastline;
and it is squid the lipsticked mouth savours
in Osaki, gradually by fibres,
spreading the knowledge deeper to the throat.
The statue's eyes turn back to red

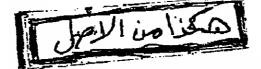
as rain moves in, and somewhere miles from here,

small prawns are darting out of crimson weed into a current circulating clear. Jeremy Reed has been described as the lone inheritor of the British surrealist tradition which in the 1930s had an impact on poets such as David Gascoyne, Charles Madge, Lawrence Durrell and Herbert Read. His first collection By the Fisheries, which won the Somerset Maugham Award in 1985, was charnpioned for its rich and subversive fin-de-siècle imagery. The handling of fashionable themes such as Aids, drugs and rock and roll have been less successful. This poem, almost a blueprint of the surrealist's art, is taken from his latest collection

Sweet Sister Lyric published by Enitharmon at £7.95.







A CAR GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS



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Bill to outlaw jailing of 22,500 defaulters

Home Affairs Correspondent

A bid to end the centuries-old practice of jailing petty fine defaulters - up to 500 a day is to be launched by MPs later this month.

Concern that magistrates' courts are sending thousands of people to prison - often illegally - for small debts and nonpayment of fines has prompted the drawing up of a Bill designed to cut the use of custody, except in the most extreme circumstances. Drawn up by probation officers, they estimate that the measures will reduce the 22,500 defaulters and debtors jailed every year by about 80 per cent and will save the taxpayer up to £20m per annum.

It will be introduced by Alex Carlisle of the Liberal Democrats later this mooth, but has cross-party support.

The fact that magistrates

their powers to jail people for many defaulters were placing an not paying poll tax and for unwelcome burden on hardtelevisioo liceoces was first highlighted by the Independent 18 months ago, prompting a change in magistrates' guidelines. In one case, four children had to be taken into care after their mother was jailed for 28 days for a poll tax debt.

In the last 12 months the High Court has ordered the freeing of over 100 people wrongly jailed by magistrates.

Io February this year, concerned by the record rise in the prison populatioo and adverse publicity about the imprisonmeot of people living in poverty for debt, the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, announced a review of the powers uoder which they are jailed. He was examining the use of

electronic tags to enforce house arrest, community service or supervised payments as alteroatives to custody. Mr Howard pressed jails - and that once defaulters are imprisoned the fine is wiped out.

But yesterday Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The Home Secretary's mitiative announced last February appar-

ently is not yet off the ground."
The use of debtors jail is an unnecessary and brutal use of resources. The cost of jailing one defendant can be prohibitive and could include prison service costs of £500, prosecution war-rant and administrative costs of £800 and a further £700 if children were placed in care. At a minimum, therefore, it is costing at least £22m per year to in-carcerate defaulters." Napo has detailed 18 defaulters' cases, involving "hardship, debt, misery

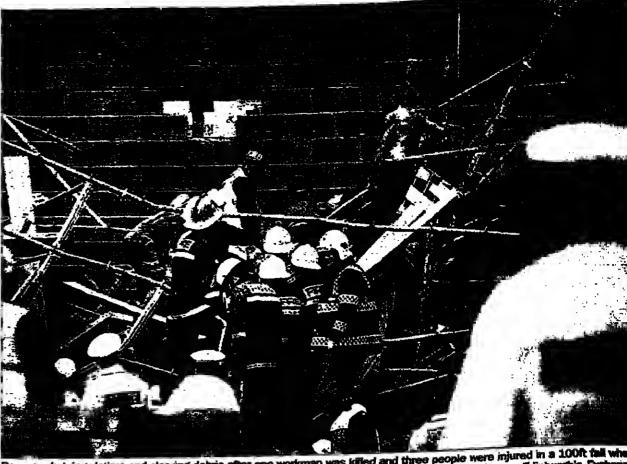
and wrongful imprisonment They include the case of a 42-

of psychiatric illness, who fell be-hind with her £1,300 fines for motoring offeoces. She was seotenced to jail in her absence and arrested on the psy-chiatric ward of a local hospital.

A second was a single mother of two young children, suffering cervical cancer, who was fined for shoplifting nappies. She was jailed for seven days when she could not pay the fine. Another was a 20-year-old

unemployed man who was fined £150 for underpaying £1.20 of his bus fare. He was jailed when he could not pay the fine. The Bill, if coacted, would outlaw the use of fail for fine

default if the original offence did oot merit a seotence of imprisonment and would ensure reports including details of income were provided to magistrates. It would also remove the legal test of "culpable neglect" to pay a debt - because it relies upoo a subjective test



Rescuers helping victims and clearing debris after one workman was killed and three people were injured in a 100ft fall when scaffolding collapsed at an office development site yesterday. Around 130 people were working on Edinburgh's Exc Plaza on the city's Lothian Road. The dead man was named as Thomas Dolan, 48, of Airdine



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Man named in robbery and rape inquiry

JAMES CUSICK

A spree of armed robberies, rape, sexual assault and car thefts is believed to have been carried out by a conman who has evaded manhunts by five English police forces, detectives said yesterday Police took the unusual step

of oaming and issuing a photograph of the man they want in question for the crimes - Rodney Michael Smith, who is regarded as "very dangerous". Detective Inspector Richard

Bell, of the Metropolitan Police, said his biggest fear was that Mr Smith's alleged armed violence could escalate into a serious confrootation with police.

The safety of the public, he said, was the motivation behind releasing details of the 30-year-old from Grays, in Essex, who also calls himself Luke Smith. A reward of £10,000 has been offered for information which leads to an arrest. Police fear Mr Smith may also

have a death wish having witnessed the suicide of a fricod who shot himself after a domestic dispute last year.

Locating Mr Smith, who is 5ft

10in tall and speaks with a London accent, has clearly been a problem for police in London, Thames Valley, Surrey, Sussex and Essex. Without any disguise, he has apparently been able to come in and out of Loodoo and openly to use stoleo vehicles without police tracking him.

The alleged sprce started on 4 April wheo a 32-year-old female croupier in a hotel in Mayfair, ceotral London, was abducted at gunpoint, made to drive her own car to a bank cash dispenser and withdraw £200. She was theo forced to go to a flat in east Loodoo, was raped and abandooed.

Two days later a Ford Granada was stolen in Hornchurch, Essex, by a man using the name

tricked his way into the room of a 36-year-old woman in a central London hotel, forced her to strip at gunpoint and then stole jewellery and cash. As he ran out of the hotel he threatened

security staff with the gun.
On 17 April in liford the female driver of a Toyota MR2 was threatened with a gun and had the car and some jewellery stolen. He is still thought to be driving the car, registration 1478 NUE. The next day at a car park in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, a 59-year-old woman was threatened with a gun, punched



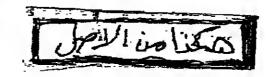
in the face and forced to hand over jewellery.

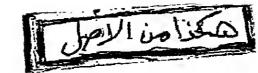
Five days later in Hertfordshire a man using the name Luke pulled a gun nn a woman after responding to an advertisement offering a Cartier wristwatch for sale for £7,000. He took the watch and other ewellers and drove off in a dark blue sports car.

Police also want to question Mr Smith in relation to two other armed robbenies on 14 and 16 April. He was last seen in Brightoo oo 1 May and is also

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Report blames poor reading on teacher training

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Trendy teaching methods are to blame for poor reading stan-dards in inner-city schools, says a report from school inspectors

published yesterday.
Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, said the report on the London boroughs of Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets showed that teachers were committed to teaching reading by methods that were clearly out working.

She announced plans for performance league tables for teacher training colleges and to give inspectors powers to carry out their own tests in poor

Inspectors from the Office for Standards in Education and the three authorities tested six- and seven-year-olds and 10- and 11year-olds in 45 schools, all with higher than average oumbers of pupils from poor backgrounds. Around 80 per cent of seveo-

third of lessons,

Black African pupils per-formed best and disadvantaged white pupils worst.
In one in three schools the

headteachers failed to ensure that reading was well taught. The report says: "The wide gulf in pupils' performance is ... un-acceptable. Some schools and pupils are doing well against the odds while others in similar circumstances are not."

Teacher training, inspectors say, is partly to hlame. "On the evideoce of what is happening in these three authorities, the message for the initial and inservice training of teachers is very clear: primary teachers must be taught to teach read-ing far more effectively."

Nigel de Gruchy, geoeral secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers,

year-olds and four out of ten 11-year-olds had reading ages be-low their chronological age. said: "All the blame is being placed on trendy teachers. Yel the report itself identifies other contributing factors. These include English not being the first language; high levels of social disadvantage; poor man-agement; poor initial training; lack of in-service training."

The three Labour-controlled authorities have accused Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, of altering the report for political reasons

Mr Woodhead said: "If it is political to want to do something towards raising educa-tional standards in inner-city schools. Then so be it. I plead



Paper history: Famous wellpaper designs by William Morris at the Victoria and Albert Museum, west London, part of a major retrospective of the artist's work - to mark the centenary of his death - which runs until 1 September the artist's work - to mark the centenary of his death - which runs until 1 September

How do children learn to read?

Phonics involves children learning to sound out words so that they understand how they are made up. Children copy their teacher in sounding out individual letters. They may also be taught to sound

sounding out individual letters. They may also be taught to sound out the constituent parts of words.

Dismissed by many in the Eighties as old-fashioned, phonics has recently been restored to favour after research showed that children's sensitivity to sounds was a crucial factor in helping them learn to read. Studies also show that young children who know a large number of nursery rhymes, who can hear that "cat" is made up of "c" and "at" are the first children to learn to read.

The "look-and-say" method is also used by teachers; children repeat words without breaking them down. Pupils are required to memorise the shape of words and teachers may hold up flashcards containing a single word to help them do so.

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The "real-books" approach is based on tipe Idea that children will pick up reading by being offered mainstream story and picture books. It was introduced as an alternative to reading schemes - books written as teaching aids - which teachers argued often had boring stories. The aim of "real books" was to promote excitement and interest.

Most teachers say they favour a mixture of methods. The report uggests that some teachers are too haphazard in their use of them and that teachers need to have a systematic strategy for teaching reading of which phonics is a carefully planned part.

Church moves to accept IVF

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of Scotland should softeo its opposition to embryo experimentation, according to a report to its general assembly.

A study by the church's board for social responsibility reaffirms the church's opposition to surrogate motherhood. But it allows in vitro fertilisatioo herween couples, and said a blanket ban cannot be maintained and that embryo exper-imentation should be accepted. "The church, in allowing IVF

within the marriage relationship while ruling out embryo research, was accepting the benefits of IVF while condemning the means used to achieve

them," the report says.

All other forms of fertility treatment have been ruled out by the report, which also argues that married couples should have priority in the queue for infertility treatment over unmarried couples.

The report also argues that

gay couples, or single people, should not be offered treatment. We do not deny the capacity of people of homosexual orientation or single parents to cern, but we believe it is important for children to have role

models of both sexes." This last clause has been giv en sudden topicality by the discovery of a two-year-old boy outside Glasgow who lives with two leshians and regards two gay men living up the road as his fa-thers. One of them is his natural father by ooe of the women.

The Rev Bill Wallace, con-venor of the board, said: "I think the thing's a bizarre absurdity.

1 feel extremely coocerned about the child."

The Rev Richard Kirker, of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, said: "I would feel moch more concerned about the child if it had no parents or one parent. I can't see a clear reason for restricting the choice that some lesbian or gay people might wish to exercise."



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Care for the elderly: Insurance for long-term care safeguards middle England's inheritance

Pension deal aims to protect assets

Public Policy Editor

The Government yesterday moved to help "middle England" protect its inheritance from the costs of long-term care by proposing new "part-nership" schemes which could let individuals keep £1.50 of their assets – including their homes – for every £1 of insur-

ance cover they buy themselves. Stephen Dorrell, the Secre-tary of State for Health, claimed the deal offered a new part-nership between the state, elderly people and their families, while retaining a safety net.

But it was condemned by Harriet Harman, his Labour op-posite number, as "a betrayal" of the generation which believed they would be offered care "from cradle to grave".

By contrast - and to the de-light of the Conservatives who daimed Labour's front bench were at loggerheads - Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, said he had no objection to the basic idea of insurance, but warned the majority of people would not be able to afford the premiums. In a separate speech yesterday, he declared that individuals had a responsibility to make provision for the times when they could not support themselves.

surers such as Bupa who pre-dicted that half a million people among the 10 million or so pensioners could take out cover around 10 per cent of pensionduring the next five years.

But while others, including make the latter attractive, Peter Murray of the National As-Pension Funds, supported the sociation of Pension Funds, ideas as "useful", Paul Sey-said, although it could provide mour, chairman of the Continuing Care Conference, an save for bigger pensions. some of these, he said.

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groups for the elderly, warned that at most 30 per cent of those retiring might benefit.

That figure, he said, "may well be on the high side" and de-pended on good equity release schemes being developed to allow people to use the capital in their home to buy protection. Without that, the figure would be far lower, perhaps 10 to 15 per cent, he said. Those to gain would be in the middle, he said - rather than the less welloff who would be unable to afford the premiums, and those with assets above £150,000 who were reasonably well served by existing products.

Mr Dorrell's three-part package would allow individuals to add £1.50 for each £1 of insurance cover they buy to the existing £10,000 of assets they can keep when entering means-tested nursing or residential care. Someone buying £30,000 of protection - which might cost a one-off premium of £5,000 would keep £45,000 plus the existing £10,000.

A second option - which would cost the taxpayer less would be £1 for £1, but with £15,000 of capital protected on

Ministers will also consult on making it easier to buy an annuity covering all or part of the not support themselves.

The package was given a warm welcome by private inwould then be able to trade a lower pension in the early years for a larger one later. Only ers have sufficient income to ter Murray of the National Asincentives for younger people to



Alming for office: Chris Smith launching Labour social security plans at Westminster Photograph: Tony Buckingham

Labour to cut benefit bill with 'welfare-to-work' packages

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

Plans to cut social security spending by replacing the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (Serps) and launching a package of "welfare-to-work" measures were trailed yesterday by Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman.

A measure of Labour's success in government, he said, would be how far it cut social security spending, rather than raising it, by getting people off benefit and into work.

And while the state had to remain the guarantor and the regulator of social security pro-vision, including pensions, it had to be only the administrator of

from traditional Labour approach of the 1970s and 1980s comes hot on the heels of the shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown's warning that Labour could scrap child benefit for children aged over 16 from well-off families.

Mr Brown's plan yesterday continued to provoke opposition within the Shadow Cabinet. Joan Lestor, spokeswoman on success if you are spending overseas development, wrote to the shadow Chancellor to express her anger. Those close to her said a number of other senior Labour MPs were also raising objections.

benefits system was revealed in socialist heroes".

state is after all a framework - it is progress if we can end up which the Government sets in order to enable citizens to achieve security; it is not a particular mechanism per se for de-livering that security." He said it was "absurd" for

the left to regard how much it spent on social security as "a badge of virtue". "It isn't a mark of progressive

more and more on a benefit sys-tem." If that were the case, Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Social Security, whose govern-ment had doubled the numbers dependent on state benefits, New Labour's thinking but the population would be "in the panth annotation."

as a result spending less on social security". The test for Labour would be how well it spent the resources available.

He coupled that with a warn-

ing that individuals have "a responsibility to make provision in our own lives for those times when we can't earn and support ourselves". That implied private provision, with Mr Smith expected to propose that Serps be replaced by second pensions paid from investments

Despite the message that Labour wants to cut welfare spending, Mr Smith pledgeda "Labour won't ignore poverty in

Commons resist moves to be cut down to size

House should be cut by for its 'health' Privatised post would be 'efficient'

With the predictability of turkeys refusing to vote for Christmas, member of the House of Commons yesterday shouted down a proposal to cut their numbers from the present 651 to 500.

Spencer Batiste, Tory MP for Elmet, had wanted his reformist Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill put to a vote. But when deputy speaker Dame Janet Fookes, asked if Mr Batiste had leave to introduce the Bill, the shout of "No" was so overwhelming she judged a division to be pointless.

Mr Batiste acknowledged that, even after retirements, n reduction of nearly 30 per cent in the number of MPs would mean redundancies. But he said the change was "vital to the health of the mother of Parlia-

"There is a need for constitutional reform. It should start here in the House of Com-

There had been a slow but inexorable rise in the number of MPs from 620 in 1950 to the current 651, he explained. Boundary changes would add another eight members after the general election.

Yet the United States, with

five times the UK's population, manages with 100 senators and 435 members of the House of twice the UK population, has 511 MPs while in Europe only German has more legislators three more than the UK but with 23 million more people. Mr Batiste said a reduction

would be a signal of MPs' commitment to productivity and an example of how to achieve it. There would be a saving for the taxpayer, land could be sold instead of providing more office space, and there would be more opportunity for MPs to get

Last but not least: "Perhaps the electorate would be a little less cynical about MPs pay if we accepted for ourselves the redonidancies that elsewhere have underpinged non-inflationary

Though most of the MPs present seemed to resent any

Inside Parliament Stephen Goodwin

idea of cuts, the member who spoke against the 10-minute rule Bill - only one MP is allowed to did so on the grounds that it did not go far enough,
John Butcher, Conservative

MP for Coventry SW, thought about 300 MPs was appropriate. The slimmed-down House would produce less "clutter and ephemera" he said, but there was also an animal welfare argument.

When free-roaming mammals are crowded together in artificial circumstances, it often produces some pretty unhealthy by-products. It is my judgement that this House is getting more and more fevered and therefore demands a culling programme." Mr Butcher announced some 18 months ago that he is retiring at the gener-

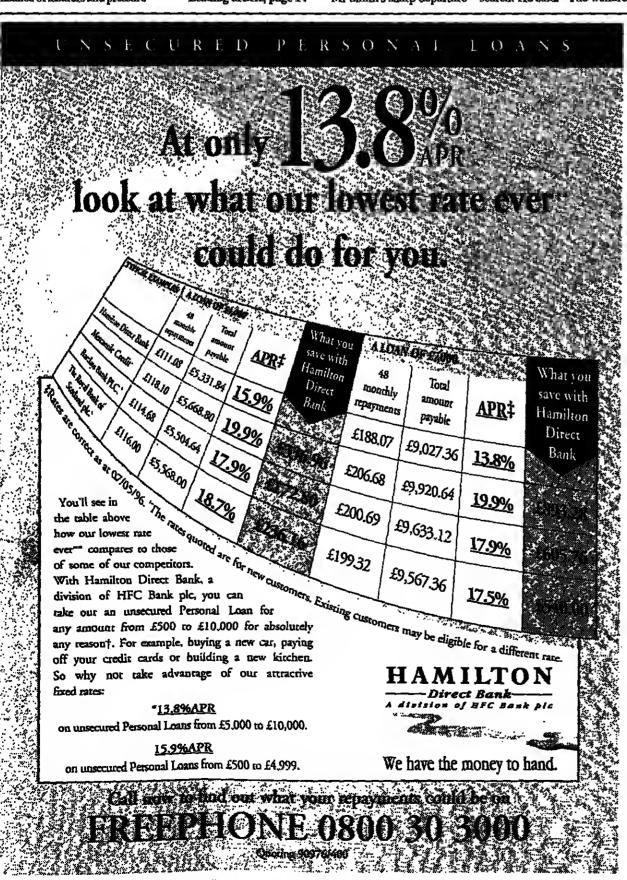
John Major had earlier made no attempt to deny reports that the Conservative manifesto for the election will include a pledge to privatise the Post Of-

Challenged by Tony Blair at Question Time, the Prime Minister said it was "astonishing" that the Labour leader appeared not to know that many rural post offices were already

in private hands. But he went on: "I can confirm that we are looking to make sure the Post Office gives customers the efficient and effec-

tive service they deserve." A previous attempt to sell-off of the Post Office crumbled two years ago in the face of a vociferous minority of Conservatives with rural seats.

... Mr Blair said the Conservatives" "obsession" with privatising public services was one reason, among many, for their humiliation last Thursday.







Massacre at Qana: As UN investigation draws to a close, diplomats warn 'finger-pointing' would jeopardise fragile ceasefire

Massacre at Qana: As UN investigation draws to a sure of Toral of criticism of Israel

DAVID USBORNE

While the United Nations Secretary Geoeral, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, prepared last night to take the wraps off an iovestigation into the attack last month on a UN camp in southern Lebanon, the United States warned that it would oot tolerate ao exercise in finger-pointing at Israel

With tensions running high in New York, Mr Boutros-Ghali was expected to tell the Secu-rity Council that his inquiry into the shelling of the camp, which left some 100 Lebanese civilians dead, still pointed in the direction of a deliberate act by Israel's defence forces. He was likely to concede, however, that proving the allegation defini-tively may oever be possible.

Lebanon, meanwhile, requested an emergency meeting of the Arab Group of nations at the UN to consider issuing a fresh demand for compensation from Israel for the deaths at the camp and other destruction wrought during Israel's Grapes of Wrath military campaign.

The US Ambassador to the

UN, Madeleine Albright, was preparing an attempt to forestall any discussioo in the Security Council highlighting the suspicion that Israel knew what it was doing when it seot shells crashing into the UN camp that was the headquarters of a battalioo of Fijian peace-keepers.

rather than being used as a learning process of what happened at Qana, the report will be the basis of a finger
at high that it was impossible to prove Israel's culpability in the affair. However, even with the oew material from General Harel, it was still hard to swalpointing exercise in the directioo of Israel," an American diplomatic source comment-ed. "If it is used simply to apportion blame, theo we are come on. afraid that it will inflame passions on both sides. That would

The US mission in New York is also sceptical that the evi-dence collected by the UN's from some governments,

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military advisor who drafted the ootably the US. There was still least to make some protention on the part of the Israeli forces. In particular, US diplomats cast doubt on the significance of the presence of a pilotless reconnaissance aircraft in the area at the time of

The role of the aircraft, also known as a drone, was revealed in a video tape taken by a peace-keeper oo the ground that was obtained by the Independent earlier this week.

The premise of the report is that the drone let the Israelis know that there were civilians in the camp at the time of the shelling," the US source said. "But it is not clear to us that it was in fact directly over the camp at the exact moment of

Even as late as yesterda morning, Mr Bootros-Ghali was sifting through both the conclusions of Geoeral Van Kappen and quantities of new material provided at the eleventh hour by the Israeli government. A final submission to the UN was delivered to its New York headquarters by General Dan Harel, who commands the artillery branch of the Israeli defence forces, late yesterday morning. On Monday, General Harel claimed in New York that shelling of the camp had been a mistake and "absolutely not deliberate".

A senior UN source insisted "Unfortunately, it seems that last night that it was impossible low that the Israeli forces could have blundered so badly. "It is difficult to believe. They say that their maps were bad. Well,

> Mr Boutros-Ghali had indicated to colleagues that he was determined to make the findings of his investigation public, regardless of appeals for caution

report, General Frank Van some uncertainty, however, Kappen, can reliably indicate innal draft of his report in written form to the Security Council

and the media.
Without a text on paper, the
Security Council will be unable to take any formal action. But many diplomats were continuing to predict that whatever form the report takes, most Security Council members will prefer to restrict their response to a discussion, without seeking to take the affair any further, for fear of angering Israel and threatening the fragile ceasefire in southern Lebanon.

Silence oo the part of the Council will not satisfy Arab governments. Egypt, the only Arab country with a seat on the Council, has already indicated that it would like the Council at

nouncement on what happened and on Israel's role m it.

Lebanese officials in New York said they were awaiting receipt of the report - and sending it to their government in Beirut - before making any official pronouncement.

It was clear, none the less that Lebanon hopes the evidence implicating Israel is sufficiently strong to allow theuse of the report to press its request

for monetary compensation.

Confirming reports that
Hizbollah guerrillas had been running in and out of the Fijian camp at will to hide from Israeli fire, Sylvana Foa, the UN spokeswoman, came to the defence of the peace-keepers.
"Hizbollah fighters do not wear uniforms and they do not carry signs saying who they are."



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IN BRIEF

Mengistu officials 'shot 59 dead'

Addis Ababa - Fifty-nine officials of the late Emperor Haile Selassic's Ethiopian government were ordered up against a prison wall and mowed down in a burst of gunfire, a retired warder said yesterday. "The officials were lined up against the stooe wall. Vehicles parked nearby put their lights on. A whistle sounded twice and suddenly there was a volley of bullets," the witness said at a trial of 70 officials of the ousted government. "I was shot and passed out," the 57-year-old man said. The defendants are officials of President Mengistu Haile Mariam's government who are charged with committing genocide after deposing the emperor in 1974. AP

US envoy to investigate Hutu massacre

Bujumbura — A senior US human rights envoy was due to arrive in Burundi yesterday and is expected to investigate reports of a massacre of 235 Hutu civilians by the Thisi-dominated army late last mooth. Western diplomats said the visit by John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for democracy, human rights and labour, underlined Washington's concern about the explosive situatioo in the country where rebels of the Hota majority are waging a guerrilla war against the army.

Fruitfly threat to NZ economy

Wellington, — A fruitfly outbreak in Auckland was a potential threat to New Zealand's economy which "we have to make sure we eradicate", the Finance Minister. Bill Birch, said

Referendum imminent in Western Sahara

United Nations — The UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is expected sooo to recommend closing down voter regis-tration for a loog-delayed referendum on the future of Western Sahara while retaining some 240 UN military observers monitoring a ceasefire. Security Council sources said. The referendum had originally been set for January 1992 to decide whether the former Spanish colony should be incorporated into Morocco, which controls most of the territory, or become independent. Reuter

Australian convicted under Filipino child sex law

Olongapo — An Australian busi-nessman yesterday became the first foreigner to be convicted under a Philippine law designed to crack down on paedophiles. Victor Keith Fitzgerald (right), from Darwio, was seotenced to between eight and 17 years in jail after being convicted under the 1992 Special Protection of Children Acı by a court io Oloogapo, north of



Stone wall hints at ancient civilisation

Anckland - A stone wall found in the middle of an uninhabited forest has sparked theories of a 2,000-year-old civilisation in New Zealand and links to South America. The "Kaimanawa Stone Wall", featuring hand-cut five-ton blocks, stands in the Kaimanawa State Forest, in the centre of New Zealand's North Island. AP

Nuclear waste 'gives Greenpeace the slip'

Rennes — The environmental group Greenpeace admitted on Tuesday that a cargo of ouclear waste bound for Germany had probably been spirited out of a French reprocessing plant under its nose. Greenpeace's Jean-Luc Thierry said the organisation was giving to its nose. giving up its surveillance of the plant at La Hague in oorth-west france after a cat-and-mouse struggle, believing the highly radioactive cargo was already on its way to Germany. Reuter

Spain to reorganise intelligence services Madrid - The oew conservative Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar promised yesterday to reorganise Spain's intelligence services, plagued by scandals ranging from a "dirty war" oo Basqoe rebels to the bugging of King Juan Carlos's telephone.

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You could not have found a more graphic example of the reason the West still spies on Russia: a scientist had been arrested for allegedly smuggling more than two pounds of nuclear material out of the country - weapons-grade contraband, that could be used to make a bomb. The man worked in the once secret Siberian city of Krasnovarsk, and had - according to the Russian security services - invented a new way making nuclear substances

Last night the report, published by Itar-Tass, was unconfirmed. If true, it will be the first time the Russians have admitted that weapons-grade fissile materials have been smuggled out of the country. It will also send a chill through every westcm security agency; for it is the scenario that they fear the most.

The story broke as both Moscow and Loodon were yesterday keeping mum about the precise nature of Russia's spying accusations, but theories were coming as thick and fast as the traffic fumes that fill Moscow's streets. Britain and the West are as curious as ever about the contents of Russia's term covering a multitude of

After the collapse of the Soviet Union and the advent of "glasnost", western spying in Russia is believed to have increased, as agencies vied with one another to find out more about previously secret installations, people, and projects that they had been puzzling over for years. Much of that reservoir of information has been exhausted, but there are plenty of others. The Russians say the alleged British agent whom they are holding worked in a federal government office with access to "political and defence

Arms control treaties and spy satellites have made spying largely redundant for gathering straightforward military intelligence. East and West can and do conduct detailed inspections of each other's installations, and are punctilious in honouring the provisions of the treaties. The Russians - and their western counterparts have all bent over backwards to show each other as much of their military hardware as possible and also to talk about military organisation and doctrine.

It is therefore in the political and economic arena that cloakand-dagger spying still has a role. With an election looming, for instance, the Foreign Office

will have an appetite for political information, including the and last-flying aircraft are areas political and financial consequences of a Communist victory.

During the Cold War, the

the Soviet economy - and assessing the resources it was pouring into the ability to wage a protracted war. The collapse of the Soviet economy has made that less crucial, although the exact strength of the Russian economy in certain areas remains of interest. One such area is that of revolutionary new technologies, where Russia, for all its economic problems, maintains islands of excellence. Deep-diving submarines like the modified Alfa class, beam

in which Russia still surprises western observers.

But the most sensitive area West devoted great attention to now is the fate of nuclear weapons and materials, and arms exports. In particular, it would be surprising if the CIA, MI6 and the Israelis were not taking a strong interest in Rus-sia's relationship with Iran, to whom it has sold several billion dollars' worth of weapons systems and diesel-electric submarines in the tast few years. They will be watching closely the nuclear power plant that the Iranians are building at Bushehr. 470 miles south of Tehran, using Russian-supplied reactors.

riosity about an underground complex that the Russians have been building in the Ural mountains, under the gaze of western spy satellites. The project, hidden inside Yamantau mountain in the Beloretsk area, involved the creation of a huge complex. served by a railroad, a major road, and thousands of workers. Fears were raised that Russia was planning to manufacture

Following a period of unprecedented openness between East and West, there are many signs that Russia may, once again, be closing its doors. On 9 March a decree by President

chemical and biological

Nor did they demy their cu- Yeltsin demanded the "improvement of the system of State secrets" Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the FSB - the Russian security service, which formulated the accusations against the man accused of passing information to the British and his alleged controllers - said not enough things were classified as state secrets.

In the past year, several British industrialists, academics and business people have been accused of espionage, while attempting to assess what help the Russians might oeed. "I was accused of being a Nato spy", said one man yesterday "I told them that so far I had seen nothing worth spying on.

Who's who in the world of I-spy

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The work of the world's intelligence services is broadly similar but their areas of responsibitity do not coincide. The Russian Federal Secu-

rity Service - Federal naya stuzhba bezopasnosti, or FSB - still oumbering an estimated 75,000 people - covers some of the areas of the British "Security Service" M15, which is responsible for counter-intelligence and counter-terrorism, and the Secret Intelligence Service, SIS, which spies abroad and is often known by its historic title, MI6.

The Security Service, headed by Stephen Lander, who took over from Stella Rimington just after Easter is based at Thames House, on Milibank in London: SIS, headed by David Spedding, is based across the Thames, at Vauxhall Cross.

Each of the British services numbers about 2,000 people, although the numbers are misleading as they also use many agents and informers who are not full-time employees. However some of the operations undertaken by the British SIS also fall under the purview of Russian military intelligence - the KGB. At its height in the GRU, the Main Intelligence Directorate, which has not diminished since the demise of the

Although the British Intelligence services shared a common origin, they were soon split and developed a different ethos and even, in some cases, a mutual hostility. Whereas SIS maintained a certain glamour through its association with the Foreign office, MI5's modus operandi is often portrayed as rather mundane. MIS has no executive authority: if they catch anyone spying they report it to Special Branch.

Both services were founded in March 1909 as the Secret Service Bureau under the leadership of Captain Vernon Kell and Captain Mansfield Cumming (known as "C" – the origin of Ian Flemiog's "M" in the James Bond spy-thrillers). In October 1909 functions were divided. Kell took responsibility for counter-espionage within the British Isles and "C" for gathering intelligence overseas.

The Russian security service is the heir of the Soviet "Committee for State Security" ~



No Stalin: Wiping lipstick from Boris Yeltsin's face

mid-1980s the KGB ran a network of some 400,000 agents in Russia and an army of 200,000 Chief Directorate (Foreign In-telligence) - the equivalent of SIS-numbered just 12,000. Immediately after the break-up of the Soviet Union at the end of 1991 the service was split up. The covert elements of the service were split into intelligence and counter-intelligence, mirroring its British counter-part. In March 1995 it was reunited under Colonel General - now Army General - Mikhail Barsukov, a Yeltsin ally.

Barsukov was held responsible for the disastrous handling of the hostage crisis at Budyennovsk last year, and security experts yesterday said the Russian demand for the expulsion of nine British diplomats might be an attempt to restore the FSB's reputation. Significantly, pres-sure for hard-line action came from the FSB and oot from the

Russian Foreign Ministry.

and strategic importance to

The reputation of an intelligence service is as important as its performance, and the British services have been wellregarded of late. Their higgest embarrassment occurred in the 1960s when members of the Cambridge spy ring - Kim Phil-by, Anthony Burgess and Don-ald Maclean - were revealed as highly placed KGB agents. Sir Anthony Blunt and Roger Holis followed.

In contrast to the secretive nature of the British and Russian intelligence services, the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) maintains a relatively high profile. Headed by John Deutch, a former deputy Defense Secretary appointed by President Clinton a year ago, it has 28 separate intelligence bodies covering everything from political and economic to pure-ly military intelligence, where it sometimes clashes with the the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), much like its British and Russian equivalents.

biggest success was undoubtedly the overthrow of communism: its biggest embarrassment was the Bay of Pigs fiasco in 1961, when the CIA masterminded the landing of a small army of Cuban exiles on the south Cuban coast. The CIA's repu-tation has been damaged by two recent scandals. In 1994 it was discovered that veteran CIA officer Aldrich Ames had been selling secrets to the former So-viet Union, and last year it emerged that a murderous Guatemalan colonel had been on the CIA payroll.



Bad news delivered in a

Chief Reporter

gested that he substitute one word for another in his embassy's statement on the MI6

spying scandal. It couldn't have happened in Smiley's day. A British agent had been caught spying "red-banded"; nine British diplomats had been earmarked for expulsion; the British government was formulating its usual tit-for-tat response. And here was the Independent, inside the Russian Embassy's diplomatic

headquarters, helping the offi-cial with his vocabulary. In 1989, the last time the gov-

eruments clashed over spying al-legations, each expelling 11 diplomats, journalists were con-The total US intelligence "I like it!" exclaimed the Russ- fronted by badly-suited heavies

ing that the police shoo them away or lock them up.
Yesterday, the response was quite different. Instead of the old Siberian-style greeting, a cheerful official invited the Independent indoors for the translation of the latest information ministry fax from Moscow. Number 15 Kensington

Palace Gardens, is the wing of the Russian Federation Embassy at which all diplomatic ac-tivity takes place. Outside it is a grand stucco building in the Nash style, almost identical in grandeur to the dozen or so oth-

er embassies along the street. Inside, however, the word grandeur is redundant. Faded paintwork is matched only by phones are made to look even older by Seventies-style dralon swivel chairs. To the right of the drab reception is a cavernous green-painted hall on whose

walls are hung undistinguished paintings in warped frames. Parked, or dumped, on the rear lawn is a battered Volvo.

The official, as warm and prossional in 1996 as any of his Western counterparts, begins to translate the statement, issued by Georgi Karsin of the department for public information and press. It explains why the Britons will be expelled, on the

orders of Sergei Krylov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, and says that the British Embassy officials had been "trying to rethe Russian Federation".

At each step of the way the official checks and double checks his vocabulary and accepts one or two suggested improvements. Then he places an emphasis on what he and his colleagues inside the embassy hope; that they won't be sent home. Reading Mr Karsin's words, he continues: "We see our main task in these circumstances as doing everything possible in order to avoid too much emotional reaction and

hasty decision making which

could have a negative influence

on state relationships between Britain and Russia, which are developing very successfully."

Another senior official put it ious that this should not spoil things between our two countries. Things have come a long way between us and we value the relationship very much. But we could not ignore the activities of

the MI6 agent in Moscow." Back outside, after more help and co-operation, one of the armed police officers who patrol the street expressed increduli-ty. Blimey. They let you in on a day like this? Shows how much they've changed. In the old days they'd have had the guards out ... and your feet wouldn't have touched the floor.'

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Bosnia: Carl Bildt attempts to neutralise hardline nationalists as the first war crimes trial for 50 years begins

UN front man wields weapon of willpower

Banja Luka

"Boyish" is the word most frequently used to describe Carl Bildt, and "High Representative of what?" is the question most often asked about him. His looks - tall, blond, bespectacled - mask a ferocious intellect and eoergy, his employer - the world - suitably nebulous. The politicians well know that he is the front man for an impossi-

The High Representative is commanded by the European Union, the United Nations Security Council and the donor nations to implement the civilian side of the Dayton peace plan in Bosnia - more or less through sheer force of personality. That's true ... I don't have very many weapons," he said wryly in answer to charges that he is a soft touch. "My powers are limited to political influence."

In the early days, I-For, the Nato implementatioo force, viewed his office with hostility (while exploiting the possibility of off-loading responsibility on to civilians), though relations swiftly improved and remain warm. Yet Mr Bildt, who is 49 but looks 10 years younger, has on occasion succeeded

where the big guns of I-For failed. He persuaded the Bosnian government, for example, finally to release its prisoners of war by threatening to postpone a donor conference.

His efforts are now directed towards extinguishing the hardline flame personified by Radovan Karadzic, the president of Republika Srpska indicted for war crimes and shunned by Mr Bildt and I-For. Mr Karadzic is the harking presence pervading all dealings with the Serb entity in Bosnia; he is subject to arrest by I-For, should they happen across him. Mr Bildt clearly hopes they

"He is poisoning the political atmosphere," Mr Bildt said in an interview in Banja Luka, where he has just opened an office, to Mr Karadzic's fury. "He is pushing isolationist poli-cies ... and fuelling more hardline views on the other side."

The nationalist, anti-Dayton line still coming out of Pale, the mountain village near Sarajevo that is Mr Karadzic's stronghold, is exacerbating mutual fears, Mr Bildt added. That increases the likelihood of the country coming apart even more." The former psychiarist's continuing presence in opening his Banja Luka office.

The former psychiaral Serb opposition this week by that the peace plan was written in such a way that it is open to

Bosnia, despite his long-stand-ing appointment with The Hague war crimes tribunal. "is a major provocation against

An arrest could be extremely bloody, however, given that Mr Karadzic travels with a phalanx of bodyguards, and I-For commanders are loath to intervene. The military guidelines are very clear," Mr Bildt said. He implied that he would like to see a change of policyfrom the Nato politicians who issue orders to I-For.

There is a clear moral tone to the High Representative's views, as well as a practical concern. Pursuing war criminals matters, he said. "I don't think you can establish a normal political life before that's done," he said, adding that the tribunal would face a "difficult balancing act" over how far to extend

"How you draw that line will be tremendously important for this country," he said. "You must take away a sufficient number of people to establish justice but at the same time you must leave the war behind you," Mr Karadzic would disagree; so Mr Bildt is bolstering inter-

The city is flooded with digni-taries at the moment, including John Kornbhun, the US special envoy, whose predecessor forced through the Dayton

agreement, and other foreigners urged to visit by Mr Bildt. In Banja Luka, traditional po-litical rival to Pale and home of Rajko Kasagic, the moderate Serb Prime Minister, Mr Bildt hopes to capitalise on the dif-ferent perspective. "Some of them are genuinely willing to work within the Dayton framework," he said, while admitting

liberal interpretation, "Everyone is trying to twist the agreement to suit their long-term aims ... it has great potential to

be twisted." He seems particularly an-gered at the financial games be-ing played: the Serbs' refusal to attend the donors' conference, and their rejection of a large seed-planting programme fund-ed by the EU. But there is also the refusal of the World Bank to extend a project granting 10 deutschmarks per month to needy families across the line

people in need everywhere, but the World Bank does not seem to share that view," he said acid-ly. The political point being, "if we go in here and start to cooperate with people they will find that productive and we will gradually break down the barriers of isolation". This is partly why Mr Bildt will be loath to use the one real weapon he has: the re-imposition of economic sanctions on Republika Srpska.

Admiral Leighton Smith, Mr Bildt's military counterpart, not only had an easier task - the

tions-but a far bigger armoury programmes should apply to Mr Bildt is supposed to rebuild Bosnia, to bring in foreign money, encourage refugees to return home and ensure that fair clections take place, aided by a (so far non-existent) free press.

It is not surprising therefore, that Mr Bildt has kept his position as chairman of the Swedish Conservatives and his homes in Stockholm and Brussels. Despite the energy and intellectual rigour with which Mr Bildt pursues his mission, he is well aware that, as one analyst cynically put it



Paris tu discuss a new resultsoriented aid strategy to be adopted by donor countries belonging to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). "They've fallen hack" in terms of aid. Mr Atwood said of the French, "but we've fall-en back further." He said the US aid hudget had shrunk by

France

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CHRISTINE TIERNEY

more than 40 per ecot since 1985, reflecting pressure to reduce government spending, and had been cut to around \$6.2bn (£4.1bn) from \$7hn for 1996. He praised the resultsoriented strategy and said it was

likely to increase not only the efficiency of development assistance but also raise incentives for donors to contribute. Among the targets set in the plan are a 50 per cent reduction

in the number of people living in extreme poverty, defined as those having an annual income of \$370 or less, and universal access to primary education for children by the year 2015.

Mr Atwood said the strategy
for the first time sets targets for

what we want to achieve in the the next 20 years. It moves away from talking about the input side of the equation to talk about output targets". "The purpose of this is to

create a political dynamic wherein the [aid] numbers will go up," he said. "If we don't do more to expand markets, industrial nations know the tensions among them will increase because we'll be going for a static part of the pie.

Mr Aiwood said the strategy would encourage donors to work more closely together to meet the jointly-agreed targets, To date the tribunal has charged 57 people - 46 Serbs, OECD's Development Assisting Constant and the Marie of the Constant and the Constant a



Carl Bildt: His looks mask a ferocious intellect and energy, but he is well aware he is 'the designated loser'



Serb stands accused of ethnic 'reign of terror'

ANDREW KELLY ...

The Hague — The Bosnian Serb defendant in the first international war crimes trial for 50 years had no role in the camps where he is alleged to have killed, raped and tortured Muslims and Croats, his lawyer said yesterday.

although they were places in which unspeakable crimes were Dusko Tadic: Denies taking committed, these crimes were accosed Tadic of committing not and could not have been atrocities in the camps as part

committed by the defendant," the Dutch defeoce lawyer Michail Wladimiroff said, Dusko Tadic, the first person

to face an international war crimes tribunal since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials after the Second World War, is charged with crimes against non-Serbs at the Omarska, Kerald yesterday. aterm and Trappolic camps in Although the camps existed, oorth-west Bosnia in 1992. Earlier yesterday Australian

prosecutor Grant Niemann

of a systematic reign of terror aimed at driving Muslims and Croats away so Serbs could claim the territory.
"The evidence of the prose-

cution will prove beyond reasonable doubt that the accused, Dusko Tadic, committed the crimes ... and that it was pursuant to a widespread or sys-tematic attack against the non-Serb population of the Prijedor [area]," he said.

Mr Niemann said the trial : but said the defendant was the would examine events of un-victim of the Muslims' desire to speakable horror which oc find a scapegoat. "The thirst for

curred during "ethnic cleansing" of the region. Tadic, a committed Serb nationalist, had visited the three camps at will to kill and maltreat inmates, the prosecution alleged, Mr Niemann said the camp atrocities seemed to have been conducted with the tacit approval of the Yugoslav national army and local Serb

The defence did not deny that Bosnian Muslims had suffered

paramilitary groups.

revenge must not be satisfied at the well of polluted justice," Mr Wladimiroff said as he insisted on a rigorously fair trial.

Presiding Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald of the United States opened the sitting by stressing that Tadic's right to a fair trial was the "paramount purpose for being here". The accused has always de-

nied the charges. He was arrested in Germany in February 1994 after Bosnian refugees identified him as their tormentor. Since then he has spent over

two years in jail awaiting a trial which is like to take several months. Over 100 witnesses will be called, some of whom will be giving evidence via satellite The tribunal, created by the

Security Council in May 1993, marks the first attempt by the United Nations to enforce international treaties on the conduct of war and protection of civilians.

eight Croats and three Muslims. I tance Committee.

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Europe lays the foundation for EU defence arm

WEU summit: Ministers avoid defining role for long term, but agree basis for joint operations

European governments agreed yesterday to push forward rapidly with a series of measures to allow them to conduct joint military operations indepen-dently of Nato.

Foreign and defence minis-

ers of the Western European Union, meeting in Birming-ham, reaffirmed plans to give the long-moribund defence body the capacity to conduct peace-keeping and humanitar-ian operations by the end of the year. The meeting of 27 governments - 10 full WEU members, plus observers, "as-sociates" and "partners" - skirt-ed around the trickier questions of the body's longer-term po-

litical aims and development. At present the revivified WEU is a wife with two husbands: it acts as the European arm of Nato and, in an ill-defined way, as the security wing of the European Union. A number of European governments, led by Germany, would like to see the WEU fully absorbed into the EU as part of the present negotiations on reform of the Union treaties. Britain fiercely opposes such a step.

The French government took up an in-between position. It supported the British view that priority should be given to the practical moves agreed yesterday to equip the WEU with the intelligence, transport and com-mand-and-control capacities to act independently of the USdominated Nato alliance. But the French Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, made it clear that Paris saw this as a first defence policy within the EU, without threatening the pre-em-

"In the long term WEU will

has to be achieved in a step by step fashion, so that the WEU in first become a useful tool

for European foreign policy."
Mr de Charette startled
British officials by proposing
that the financing of the developments needed to create a fully-functioning WEU should be agreed at EU level. France has already said it wants WEU policy to be decided at EU summits. Both ideas go much further than the British government is prepared to tolerate.

must be foreign policy tool

But these differences were only hinted at yesterday; they are quarrels for the future. Other European governments are pleased that, within limits, Britain has been playing a positive role in the re-shaping of post-Soviet European security

policy.

Britain presides over the WEU for the first half of this year and has pushed forward a number of practical changes needed to allow the body to emerge from Nato's shadow afstage towards the creation of a ter nearly 50 years. The aim is to make the WEU separable from Nato but not separate; in other words to develop a capacity for independent Euro-

A WEU intelligence unit has been set up in Brussels and Nato agreed this week to share some classified information with this body. A permanent WEU situation centre for managing crises will start up in Brussels next month. Ministers yesterday called for urgent decisions on the permanent sharing of Nato resources - especially communications and transport - to meet the target of an operational WEU by the end of the year.

does not wish to get involved.

The Birmingham meeting also decided that observer members of WEU - neutral countries such as Sweden and Ireland could be invited to take part in eace-keeping exercises.

The Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, who chaired the meeting, said afterwards that a merger between the WEU and EU "should not arise", even in the long term. It would confuse WEU's role as a component of the Atlantic alliance and make difficulties for the neutral EU states. He also rejected sugges-tions that financing of the WEU should be agreed at EU level.

The Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, said more progress had been made towards making the WEU an "operational force" in the last six months than in "many years

It is clear however that the WEU will - initially at any rate be capable of undertaking only light duties. The suggestion that it organise a peace-keeping force for Bosnia, to succeed the Nato-run implementation force (1-For) next year, was slapped down by both British and French officials. Mr de Charette said the idea, floated by the European hle". The US and European troops in I-For had gone to Bosnia together and would leave

Imran prays for justice in Pakistan



makes time for prayer at his cancer hospital in Lahore after a tense period Union but the time has not yet come," he said. "Everything in situations in which the US with Nato, not the EU. In readiness for a challenge to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto Photograph: Muzammil Pasha

India set · to be ruled by coalition

TIM McGIRK

After the final round of voting in elections yesterday, polling officers today begin the task of counting over 330 million bal-lots to determine which of three main parties will govern India for the next five years.

No clear front-runner has emerged in these fiercely-contested parliamentary and state assembly elections. But early exit polls give the ruling Con-gress party a slight edge over the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and, in third place, the National Front-Left Front (NF-LF). It is doubtful that the Congress party of the Prime Minister, Narasimha Rao, will secure a majority of the 543 seats in the Lok Sabha the lower house of parliament.

Election officials said voting in the third and last phase of the Indian elections passed smooth-ly in many states. But in Bihar. 15 people were killed and another 50 were injured in bomb hlasts and shoot-outs between rival party supporters. So far, 39 people have died in Bihar durng electioneering.

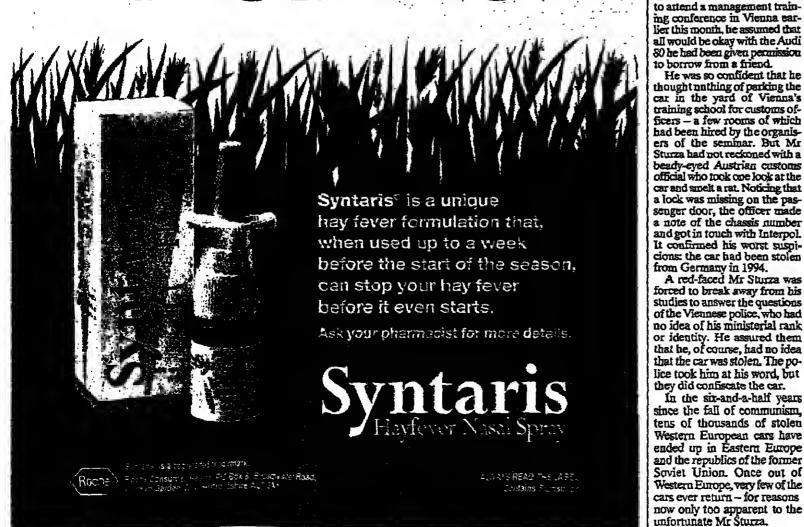
For the first time in seven years, Indians in the troubled Himalayan state of Jammu-Kashmir were allowed to vote in parliamentary and state assembly elections. But sahotage threats by Muslim separatists frightened off many voters, even in the predominately Hindu area of Jammu and in Leh. a mountainous region near Tibet whose inhabitants are mainly Buddhists. Polling in the turbulent Kashmir valley, where over 20,000 people have died in a six-year revolt against the Indian security forces, has been delayed until later this month.

Indian authorities claimed that Pakistani forces fired artillery shells into Kashmir yesterday to disrupt polling along their disputed border. Islamabad gives support to the Kashmiri insurgents.

In the north-eastern state of Manipur, where Indian security forces are fighting separatists, over a dozen bombs were set off to scare away voters. In communist-run West Bengal, where voter turnout at 75 per cent was the nation's highest, both the BJP and the Congress complained of "mas-

sive" vote-rigging. With many political experts predicting that India will face a hung parliament, some parties are already putting out feelers to possible coalition partners. The National Front-Left Front is reported to have made moves towards the Congress party but is said to be demanding that Mr Rao is ditched as leader - a condition that a senior Congress official said it had no intention of meeting.

STOP HAY FEVER BEFORE IT STARTS



Husband to 15 and lover to 54

Colombo (AP) - A man with 15 wives and 54 mistresses was jailed by a court in southern Sri Lanka after his latest wife complained that he was not faithful

to her, police said yesterday. We have found eight wives so far. But he had seven other marriage certificates," said police inspector J. Hnpitigala who is investigating how many

Minister's

journey of

discovery

As justice minister of the former Soviet republic of Moldova. Vasile Sturza should have known better. When he set off

In the six-and-a-half years

years. Police found romantic letters from 54 other women when

Gunapala was arrested. The unemployed man had posed as an army sergeant, and changed his name several times to woo the women, who ranged from 18 to 60 years of age.

women Pavulupitiyage Guna- for only a few weeks or months pala, 35, married in the past five before abandoning her after taking all her money and jewels, said Insp Hopitigala.

Gunapala was arrested after the last woman he married complained to police that he was having an affair. Police found that he had married her after fleeing five arrest warrants He usually stayed with a wife



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The Spitfire is a mirror in which we see our national character, says Jonathan Glancey

Brilliant but flawed

Driving out west from London on the A40, I know the point where I am most likely to prang my latest Jag. Out of the sun - the road runs due west - a Spitfire Mk Ia in Battle of Britain camouflage agreest of Britain camouflage appears to burst over the roof of an Art Deco factory. This Spitfire is oo more than a full-scale replica bolted on top of a tower. But, real or not, the profile of a Spitfire never fails to stir. At the weekend, two dozen of the Second World War fighters gathered at Dux-ford aerodrome, Cambridgeshire, to celebrate the plane's 60th anniversary.

The Spitfire remains one of the most beautiful machines ever made. And it is as glorious to fly as its shape, and history, suggests. I am prejudiced – Spitfires are in my blood. My late father, my Uncle Jack and others of my family fought in the RAF during the Second World War. Flying a Spit-fire is like skiing, but in the clouds rather than the snow. Those elliptical wings, beateo expensively and timeconsumingly from aluminium, enable the plane to pirouette in the air as gracefully as Darcy Bussell on stage.

Flying a Spitfire today is an experience laced with a beady mix of oostalgia, whimsy and sadness. The nos-talgia is for an England gone by. This is oot nostalgia for a heritage land of leather-on-willow, warm beer and sunlit uplands, the nonsense that politicians trot out when Britain is, as far as the pilor's eye can see, a land of superstores, fast-food joints, leisure

The Spittire is moving not simply because it is heautiful, it marks the 20th century high point for a specif-ically British spirit. This machine is a mirror, albeit a romantic one. In it we see ourselves and our history: brilliant but flawed. The creation of the Spitfire was one of the high points of British design, engineering and manufacturing; a time when British manpower and technology was directed to building a better Europe. The Spitfire wheeling in the sky spelt liberation to those in the Nazi occupied streets and fields below. The plane was Britain's standard bearer, leading it into a bigger and, hopefully, brighter world. How different we are being encouraged

to feel about Europe today. The plane was the apotheosis of the British make-and-do spirit. This country has loog been good at creating lovingly crafted, hand-forged beauty shoes and shirts, furniture and sports cars. The Spitfire came, in part, from this tradition. And, yet, because British design so often is the stuff of gnarled craftsmen and misunderstood eothusiasts, lonely and eccentric spirits, it lacks the modern industrial drive oeeded to keep our industry (or, what's left of it) at the

cutting edge of the global market.

The Spittire was, as its critics enjoy pointing out, expensive (because time-consuming) to manufacture and repair. The shape that

(Spitfires, in various guises, were made throughout the war and con-tinued to fly in Malaysia in front-line service with the RAF until 1954).

By contrast, the Hawker Hurricane, the workhorse of the wartime RAF, was easy to build (from timber and canvas), simple to maintain, and though slower and less agile than the Spittire it was more able to keep flying when ripped up by German shells. For the record, Hurricane pilots shot down more of the enemy over Kent in the summer of 1940

than the Spitfire boys.

Yet it was the spirit of the Spitfire that endured - individualistic, wilful, glamorous, romantic - in such postwar products as the Jaguar cars of Sir William Lyons and Malcolm Sayers (even in their shapes and the configurations of their lusty engines), in such quinotic designs as the TSR2 fighter-homber (scrapped in development by the 1964-70 Labour government of Harold Wilson) and, of course, Concorde. The spirit of the Spitfire is deeply embedded in our culture, a machine that somehow speaks of cricket, the sonnets of Keats, freedom from entrapment and, most of all, a desire

to do things our own way.

The closest thing to a Spitfire these days is some makes of Jaguar. The Jaguar competes with BMW and Mercedes Benz. Much of the endowed it with timeless beauty was character of that commercial battle complex for factories to produce at can be divined from the earlier con-



test between the Spitfire and its deadliest rivals, the Messerschmitt 109 and the Focke-Wulf Fw190.

Magnificently engineered, easy to make and maintain the German planes were technologically superior to British rivals which had been cobbled together on a shoestring. Yes, the Germans lost the Second World War, despite their Focke-Wulfs and Messerschmitts, but the industrial spirit that informed these machines helped Germany win the economic

battles that followed Hitler's fall. The Spitfire's other rivals, friend were to make Britain look poor 20 years after her success in battle. That success had owed far more to the highly organised industrial might of the United States than to any act of individual bravery by Spitfire pilots. The Spitfire helped fight the propaganda battle, but the war would have been lost without the influx of such brilliant mass-produced planes

as the North American Mustang. Based on the Spitfire, the Mustang developed into a furiously fast. agile aerial gun-platform; later the roles were reversed and Spitfires and foe, were also products of indus-trial systems and economies that Mustang. What the American war

machine brought to bear on the war with Germany and Japan was Henry Ford's cooveyor belts and an ability to run a war machine as no nation had done before. In the Fifties, the US economy beoefited enormously from this productive power.

The mainstay of Japanese imperial air power was the Mitsubishi Zero, the carrier-borne fighter that entered Allied vocabulary after the attack on Pearl Harbour, Based on American prototypes the Zero was a sturdy, reliable plane that displayed the Japanese brilliance at copying and developing foreign products to

subishi is the world's biggest manufacturing corporation and Supermarine, makers of the Spitfire, is history. And yet ... as one surfs the clouds in a Spitfire, sending the balletic machine twisting and growling, only the intoxication and dazzling beauty matter. You canoot fly a desk. We are in awe of this plane because it asks us a questioo about ourselves that we do oot know the answer to. It is a question we ask ourselves now. again, in relation to Europe. Perhaps we are flawed, not made for the

modern age; but it is only our inde-

peodence of spirit that is capable of

Research by Ben Stummers

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Manufacturer: Supermarine, Southampton Engine: Rolls-Royce Merlin 61 Top Speed (at operational beignt): 408 mpb Operational Weight: 7500lbs Ceiling (feet): 42,500

Armament: two 20mm cannons, four 303 machine-guns, 1.000lb external bomb load. Range: 660 miles

The Mk IX was bastily assembled with the oew Merlin 61 eogine to counter the threat of the superior Focke-Wulf 190.
The Battle of Britain elevated the Spitfire into a legend. On paper it was less formidable than its record suggested, but British and Commonwealth pilots loved the plane, often comparing it to a perfectly-fitting piece of clothing. It did not have the Messerschmitt's manoeuvrability but its wing shape proved decisive in allowing pilots to roll their way out of danger.





Manufacturer: Messerschmitt. Augsburg Engine: Daimler Benz 601 or 605 series Top Speed (at operational height): 387mph Operational Weight: 7500lbs Ceiling (feet): 38,500

Armament: Two 13mm machine-guns, three 20mm cannon. Later equipped to carry bombs and mortars.

Range: 425 miles
The defeat of the earlier model 109E at the Battle of Butain may have come about because the plane had to fight at the end of its range. Germany's flying aces stuck with the 109 even after superior models were introduced. The plane was difficult at take-off and landing because of its narrow-track undercarriage, leading to a high casualty rate among trainee pilots. It was adapted in response to American daylight bombing, providing top cover while the heavier FW190s attacked the bombers.





Manufacturer: Mitsubish Engine: Nakajima Sakae ("Prosperity") 12 Top Speed: (at operational beight) 316 mpb Operational Weight: 5,313lbs Ceiling (feet): 33,790

Armament: two 20mm cannon, two 7.7mm machine-guns, 264lbs bomb load

Range: 1940 miles The Zero shocked allied pilots and commanders wheo it first appeared in 1941. It was light coough to outmanocuvre any allied plane, as Jiro Horikoshi's design dispensed with such details as pilot armour and self-sealing fuel tanks. However, by 1943 it had been outclassed. But the overstretched Japanese kept the Zero in use to the end of the war, and the planes that brought victory at Pearl Harbour became fit for little more than smashing Kamikaze pilots into the decks of US warships.





Engine: Packard Merlin V-1650 Top Speed (at operational height): 437mpb Operational Weight: 11,600lbs

Ceiling (feet): 41,900 Armament: six 50-calibre, wing-mouoted machine-guns. External bomb load 2,000 ibs.

Range: 1,300 miles The North American PSI was built in co-operation with Britain. The Mk1, brought into use by mid-1942, was well-suited to low-altitude flying. The P51D, "the Cadillac of the skies", was an adaptation that filled the need for a high-altitude escort fighter. It was heavy and had a good range compared with other models. It was the foremost aircraft from mid-1944 until the end of the war. North Korean gun emplacements in the Fifties proved that the Mustaog had finally had its day. Research by Ben Summer

1. Sec. 25 - 25 - 27 - 21 Eight roadshow

Any hopes John Major might have of a pre-election truce with the Euro-sceptics are about to be shattered. The "beroes and heroines" (their words, needless to say) of the Conservative party, including Teresa Gorman (below), Sir Teddy Taylor, Tony Marlow and others, have restyled themselves with a heavy whiff of martyrdom "the Westminster Eight" and are holding a number of "Save Our Currency" meetings.

An invitation to a meeting in Chester pext month claims that "these are the heroes and heroines who stood up to the Government's bullying on Europe and were punished by having the



m your home

whip removed". It adds, lest we think the event will be merely a piece of oldfashioned. healthy democratic debate in which all sides have a healthy.

old-fashioned democratic respect for each other: "Save Our Currency invite you to hear the Euro-sceptics' side of the argument to balance the ceaseless drivel churned out by ... Kenneth Clarke

and others ...". Just in case anyone in the Government still thinks there might be a united front hurking there somewhere, one of the Westminster Eight, Christopher Gill, will be launching a new book today, In Their Own Words, full of quotes "that reveal the deceitfulness that has gone on throughout our membership of the EU".

Anybody for a coffin you can fold away?

Macabre tales of innovation from Zimbabwe, where the latest growth indus-try is ... the coffin. Roadside coffin sales, I learn, are the latest thing; and one bright entrepreneur has spotted a mar-

The Westminster ket for frugal ingenuity: the collapsible coffin. Handy to transport to isolated villages, the canvas-covered wooden frame folds up like a deckchair and fits oeatly

into a briefcase-sized bag.

A prudent investment. After all, in the words of the accompanying advertisment - one to make Saatchi & Saatchi cat their hearts out - "You bury your dead, not your future."

Soaraway BA flops with its staff

I must hand it to British Airways News, the in-house journal of our national air-

line. It woo't let loyalty get in the way of a good story. On the back page of the oew issue is an employee opinion survey. It says that "only around 50 per cent of people are

satisfied with the level of involvement and opportunity to use initiative. Furthermore, only approximately a third of employees feel that British Airways is open and honest in its internal dealing with them." When even your own employees are

unimpressed with your honesty and openness, it takes a brave man or woman to reveal that to the world. Small wonder the intrepid British Airways News back merely signs him or herself "News Reporter".



And gil for rather more than three tenners

A breathless press referre reaches are about the Three Tenurs concert at Wembley in July Though the cuent has not seld out the promoters have found? a further SURGeens at Wembley, so it can now be watched by SURGeens at Wembley, so it can now be watched by SURGeens at the promoters mayer out the restance women's population, the promoters mayer out the fewer than watch women's bookey at the same promoters mayer to craftle fewer than watch women's bookey at the same venus, to gut it another way. The Wembley show is planned to be the last over together by Messay Paramiti. Demings and Carerias, and a snip at £35 messay regularity Messay Paramiti. Demings and Carerias, and a snip at £35 messay regularity belows who want to reset in the occasion and buy VIP seats, I discovered sestriction what their annuals. For a mess £500 you not only get to see the show, who not only get a need afterwards graced by the big three, but you also, want to it, get free parking.

After the Knowledge. time for charm school

Now that New York cab drivers are reportedly having courses in charm-beginning with 50 courteons phrases, from the most elementary "thank yoo" to "I'm sorry if you think I am driving too fast, sir," I inquired whether our own "only speak when I'm spoken to" Hackney carriage drivers have similar instruction. I'm told there is no formal courtesy training, but they are judged on "temperament" by examiners at the Public Carriage Office when they take the Knowledge. A pleasing tempera-ment translates into street parlance as: "I thought this route would cut out traf-

Sorry Ringo, the joke's on you

My selection yesterday from the current round of jokes in the music industry vilifying drummers has prompted a reader of a certain vintage to remind me that

earlier butt of jokes such before Ginger Baker, late of Cream (What Ginger Baker and canteco coffee have in common? They're both without cream.) Ringo Starr, it seems, was the first target of these

jibes, back in the Sixties. For example: "OK, I admit he's not the best drummer in the world." "Come off it, he's not even the best drummer in the Beatles."

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Dorrell steps in the right direction

As if death itself wereo't leveller enough. When chronic illness strikes in old age, bills for long-term care can leave the prudent and the well-off in the same financial boat at the ends of their same thrancial total at the ends of their lives as the spendthrifts and the poor. Middle England is displeased – and it is grumbling to its politicians.

The Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, could offer little yesterday to protect his

party from the damaging political fallout of all the disappointed expectations raining down on the property-owning masses. But his proposals were nevertheless a promising first step towards tackling an issue that vill bedevil politicians for a decade or more.

Long-term social care has always been means tested. But as the NHS withdraws from geriatric care, and as the number of home-owners grows, more and more pensioners are having to sell their houses to pay for care. Inheritances are being devoured by the wage bills of care homes. Disappointed inheritees may squeal but someone has to foot the hill. As a natioo we have oot saved enough in the past to eojoy today cascades of wealth across the generations, as well as low taxes. The current working population will have to pay for its elders' care somehow, whether through forfeiting inheritances or paying more tax. Unless younger geoerations start making additional provision their children will have to do the same in their

Mr Dorrell bopes that individuals will bear more of the burden themselves, through higher savings and taking out insurance earlier in their lives. For the current generation of elderly the government is suggesting a new partnership to pay the bill for care. (It sounds very like the kind of scheme new Labour should have come

up with but hasn't.) The state won't pick up the entire tab; that could cost us two pence on income tax each year. But oor will every individual with assets worth more than £16,000 be expected to fork out for the entire cost either - as most have to do at the moment, usually by selling their house. Uoder Mr Dorrell's plan, at retirement age, people would be able to buy insurance to cover but your eventual hill overran, the state would still means test your ability to pay for the additional care. However, it would exclude £60,000 worth of your assets from the assessment. By buying your insurance you pay for your long-term care and protect at least a chunk of the inheritance hoped for by younger generations

The details may vary in practice but the principle is right. There is at least one catch. For a start, the insurance market would need to become much more sophisticated. Senior citizens are asset rich and income poor. They would need to draw oo the money tied up in their houses through equity-release schemes to pay the insurance premium. At the moment these equity-release schemes are completely inadequate. More important, the insurance premiums would be substantial especially for couples. Many people would not be able to afford them. The Government could end up spending taxpayers' money protecting the assets and inheri-tances of the wealthy, leaving the lowermiddle classes behind.

Still, at least the Government is moving in the right direction. Unlike the Labour Party. The shadow health secretary, Harriet Harman, was quick to denounce the Government's proposals as a "betrayal" of elderly people who expected the state to provide for them. Yet delivering the state-funded care that senior citizens expect would cost a bomb something that sits uneasily with oew Labour's fiscal prudence, and runs against Chris Smith's avowed aim of encouraging people to provide for themselves.

Massaging expectations downwards is an extremely difficult task - especially for a government that is already unpopular. Yet that is the task that will face this government and Labour if it takes power. Rather than opportunistically carping about the Government's attempts to find an innovative solution to a pressing prob-lem, Labour should itself be searching for an alternative: if not a public-private part-oership, then a oew social insurance scheme. Labour's trouble is that it still wants the luxury of behaving like an oppoa specified level of care. If you were to sition without responsibility when it repurchase insurance cover worth £60,000 to start behaving like a government. sition without responsibility when it needs

Cleaning up after Clwyd

Clwyd's secrets are out in the open. Yesterday we published substantial extracts from the inquiry report into child abuse in North Wales and summarised its conclusions. The facts have oow indelibly eotered the public domain. The Welsh Office, the North Wales Police and the councils that have inherited Clwyd County Council's functions can oo longer hide behind the excuse that this is an unpublished document. Truth, damning truth, is out. The judicial inquiry recommended in the report as the only way to draw guidance for the future management of social services departments must be drawn up. It may be utopian to hope that childreo in care will never again suffer an instance of abuse like this. But the chapters of failure set out in the Clwyd report should be the starting point for drawing up precautionary measures to make sure similar systematic abuse of young people in the state's care should

never occur again. Till now the Government's view, at least as expressed from Cardiff, seems to have

Nicholas Kenyon, Controller of Radio 3, is said to have got great pleasure in his youth from surveying

the Radio 3 schedules. I know how he

I still sometimes get pleasure from it. Most days I look down the list of

music to be played oo Radio 3 and

talks to be talked, and I think: That

looks interesting, or, It would be nice to hear that again, or, Mel

Smith's programmes oo jazz are

always thought-provoking so I'll give

that a go, and just as often I think, Oh

no, I hate that composer, or, Oh God

it's live opera all afternoon, give that a miss, or. Hmm, perhaps I should

give Liszt another try. But what I never do is think, Oh, I

like that presenter. I'll see what he has

to offer, or, I see Adrian Turntable is

presenting Rush Hour Muzak today-

Call me old-fashioned, but I turn

on for the music. Yet, to judge by

receot newspaper features oo

Radio 3, it is only the presenters

who matter. "Is Radio 3 going pop?"

they ask. Or. "Down market with

It always turns out, when you

inspect these post-mortems, that it is

not the music that is thought to be

going down-market, it is the presec-

ters. Out go stuffy old Radio 3

Radio 3?"

he's really dishy. I'll listeo to him.

feels, I used to too.

been: this is a local difficulty which we already commissioned a lawyer to look at. This will no longer do. William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, is a young man with a bright political future ahead of him. Here is an occasion for him to prove his mettle. He must immediately, in conjunction with Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, appoint a figure of proven independence, protected by law, to inquire into Clwyd speedily, with the express goal of reaching

conclusions that may be of wider use. Much has been made of the way local authority management has improved. Not in Clwyd social services department it wasn't. The Association of Directors of Social Services, if it cares for its reputation, ought to be vocal in demanding a set of precepts for its members' use; it is unlikely Clwyd was so unusual that its derelictions of duty are not being repeated elsewhere.

The Welsh Office emerges from the report as complacent and slack. It must redeem itself by initiating an open and independent policy review.

MILES KINGTON

announcers, in comes Paul Gamhac-cini. Is it the end of the world?

or as good as each other. It is only the

music that counts. As long as the

announcers don't natter (though they

do, more and more), I don't care who

they are. Like the young Nicholas Kenyon, I just like looking through the Radio 3 schedules, picking out things I like the look of.

Except when it comes to jazz,

I wrote a piece in this space the other day pointing out that Jazz Notes,

the only jazz programme that turns up on BBC radio more than once a week,

has now been relegated to 12.30am for

half an hour a night. 12.30am! Imag-

ine the uproar if a programme called Opera Notes were relegated to a time

well after midnight. Imagine the

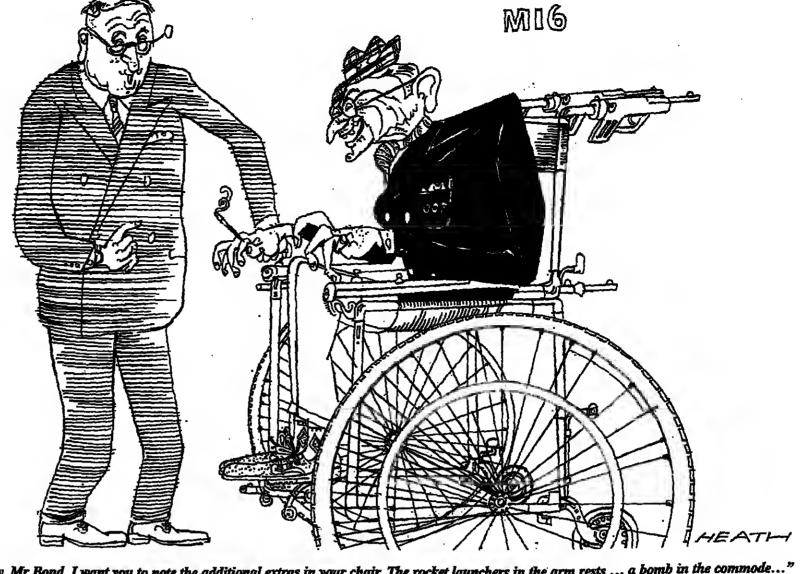
uproar if anything to do with opera

were mucked around with, even

which I am specially fond of.

Who cares? say I. Both are as bad

'Round midnight. Or perhaps not at all



"Now, Mr Bond, I want you to note the additional extras in your chair. The rocket launchers in the arm rests ... a bomb in the commode..."

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matter) of lack of access to com-

petitively priced foreign goods? If US workers end up having to spend more of their incomes oo

expensive, inefficiently produced

ills in the early 1930s, did ooth-

to come from?

Protectionism is no road to prosperity

exporting countries, and so reduce the level of unfair com-

petition. The British government

resisted both moves. Meanwhile

Labour has little to say on the

cannot sustain their consump-

tion. So employers producing in

Britain for the domestic market

find business increasingly diffi-

cult. Some will in turn move

What evidence does Mr

Luttwak have that excluding for-

eign products from the American

market would raise the wages of

labour, even in the short term?

Might employers not simply

choose to keep the monopoly profits generated by tariffs, thus

exacerbating just those inequal-ities which Mr Luttwak (rightly) seems concerned about? What

about the effects on real wages

TOM KILCOURSE

abroad, while others go under.

Sir: Edward Luttwak ("Your job can be safe again. Here's how', 6 April) fails to mention that the imports "reduced by Buchanan's high tariffs" are nominally Amer-ican, in part at least. "Expensive" US domestic production is being displaced by cheap US overseas production; American capital, "American" labels, but made by foreign workers.

The same is occurring on this side of the Atlantic, and not a single major party seems to have mything to say oo the matter. British companies have exported jobs to China, and elsewhere? where authoritarian regimes can sir: Edward Littuak makes the guarantee a quiescent workforce. error - too common among US often condemned to virtual serf-dom. British firms import the global economic issues almost result, bearing a "British" label. entirely in American terms. This In some product ranges it is now can easily lead him to calling for

Our Government's response is to "compete", to reduce conditions among British workers to the level of those "enjoyed" by the slaves who have displaced them. Tory attitudes to the situation are highlighted by two events in recent years. One was a European decisioo to place quotas on imports of a range of goods from China; the second was a move to insist on improved labour conditions in Third World (in the end, the only wages which

Loony myth behind 'Jerusalem'

Keith C Blackburn's letter on the the descendants of King David

Further to his point that the answer to the first verse is an emphatic "oo", it should be pointed out that the reason for that is that the whole of the first verse of this "hymn" is based on the British Israelite myth. According to this myth all the (Protestant) British are descended from the ten lost tribes of Israel (who according to the

via Jesus Christ. Likewise according to this myth those professing the faith of Judaism are not really biblical Jews but are crypto-Jews of East European origin.

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Sir: I read with interest the Rev the Queen and Royal Family are

"Jerusalem" debate (4 May).

though it's all music by long-dead

Jazz Notes ofteo presents good

stuff by living musicians and com-posers (such as wonderful recent solo

sessions from the planist Dave New-

ton and the guitarist Martin Taylor)

but I have to get up and work every

morning. I can't physically stay op to listen to it at 12.30am. And I don't see

why I should have to, or rely on a

But there was no way I could have

listened to last Thursday's Jazz Notes. This was billed as a tribute to two

British jazz musicians who have just reached their 70th birthdays, Don

Rendell and Cy Laurie. It did not,

however, go out on air, as far as I can

make out. It was never broadcast. This

was apparently because a concert ear-

lier in the evening overran, thus push-

ing everything later. Now, I can under-

stand why late running earlier in the evening should make Jazz Notes even

later than its already ludicrous times-

I'll tell you why. Because the pro-

gramme after Jazz Notes, at lam, was

Night School, the educational strand

that goes on so late that all its listeners have to record it while they sleep.

So its time can't be changed. So

when Radio 3 starts running late,

something has to be cancelled, to

lot - but why cancel it altogether?

Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

So not only is "Jerusalem" xenophobic by omission of the Scots, the Irish and the Welsh; it is blatantly anti-Semitic, based on "no warrant of Holy Scripture" and totally loony.

avoid running into the buffers at lam. So Jazz Notes gets the chop.

But hold on, why didn't the pro-gramme before Jazz Notes get the chop? It was only a repeat, after all. A repeat of This Week's Composer,

"Szymanowski", a programme which

was all gramophone records and had

already been beard. But that was pre-served, while the Jazz Notes tribute to

two living musicians whose 70th birth-

day will not come again was pushed

into the limbo from which no pro-

Times billing.

wasn't cancelled."

amme ever re-emerges into a Radio

Szymanowski died in 1937 and

doesn't really need the kudos. Don Rendell and Cy Laurie are alive and well, and might feel somewhat miffed

that a once-in-a-lifetime tribute on

Radio 3 was chucked out just because

Radio 3 couldn't get its schedules

Like Nicholas Kenyon, I enjoy

reading the Radio 3 schedules. Unlike

him, I get a lot of my enjoyment by

looking at the jazz late-night listings

and say, "It would have been nice to hear that." Or, indeed, "It would have

been nice to hear that, assuming it

I don't think Radio 3 has gone pop

I think it has just fallen into the hands

of people who don't know how to run

Bible weren't lost anyway) and

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Sharing a church in peace

divisions that do exist between Sir. Jonathan Glancey's feature on St Stephen's Church, is a lit-tle disappointing (6 May). The headline of "Holy war" and "A church in schism" is dramatic but denominations. not accurate. What is happening Sir: Mother Angelica may have "endeared berself to the Catholic

matter.

domestic products, where are
Those thrown out of work here, the gains in living standards,
by such transfers of production which Mr Luttwak predicts, going The Church remains fully Mr Luttwak fails to mention within the Church of England that protectionism, the preferred and continues to offer the same solution to American economic traditional, but glorious worship for which St Stephen's has long ing to prevent the greatest

depression in US history. Professor Mark Steele European Studies Programme **Boston University** Londoo SW7

Sir: Edward Luttwak argues that by raising tariffs America's employment and standards of nearly impossible for the British.

protection, forgetting that the consumer to buy an item which is not made in China. This is oot economy and has little to gain by cutting itself off.

Diving will rise. What he calls for the consumer to buy an item which is a policy analogous to the economy and has little to gain by cutting itself off.

It is a policy analogous to the desire to offer worship to God import. Substitution policies with all the beauty and revereoce advocated by the World Bank that Christian tradition allows. and the International Monetary Fund for developing nations: high tariffs would allow the development of indigenous manufacturing and so on. In practice these policies have been utter failures, successful only in raising prices and lowering quality with-out raising the standard of living

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of workers.

Basildon, bastion of social concern

Sir: As the first and only Labour MP to represent Basildoo (thus far) may I compliment you on your local election coverage. However, the description of Basildon as a bastion of Thatcherism ("Alone in Essex as old friends fall out", 4 May) was somewhat misleading. The New Town has never been that.

Ever since the seat was constituted it has been highly marginal, reflecting the varying for-tunes of successive governments while the large electorate made it difficult to predict the outcome of any election with any degree of certainty. Indeed, for a number of years I represented an electorate in excess of 100,000 voters.

The issues facing New Town populations throughout the 1960s-1980s were oot only the wider, national concerns but also local democracy and decision making between the development corporation and the local

I'm sorry that the media and political commentators too easily rehash stories about Essex man and Basildoo man (and woman) and their apparent inability to make individual and sober judgements of local and national needs. Such stories are an insult to the many genuine political and social concerns to be found in Basildon at this time. Professor ERIC MOONMAN London N7

Test of logic

Sir: Gordon Brown (7 May) adopts a petulant note which recalls the famous speaker's marginal rubric: "Weak point-shout." If his proposal means anything at all, he is proposing to meanstest child benefit for 16-18 year olds. Chris Smith, Labour's Social Security spokesman, tells us Labour are in favour of a significant reduction in means-test-

ing. Who is running the show? Earl RUSSELL House of Lords Loodoo SW1 The writer is Liberal Democrat Social Security spokesman

at St Stephen's is quite the

been renowned.

The 35 who have left to become Roman Catholics have been given permission, on a trial basis, to hold two services a week in the church and are also supporting us finan-

cially and practically.
Visitors to our main service on Sundays at 11am will find that the loss of a number of friends to

The Roman Catholic community, I know, has the same inteotion. The reality at St Stephen's is not "Holy war" but rather Christians seeking to share and work together in spite of the real

given that it is to be heard regularly in Cardinal Hume's own cathedral at Westminster, as well as in Roman Catholic churches across the land. Dr Monica Nurnberg

ROGER PREECE

Church Warden

St Stepheo's Vestry

right wing in Britain" (6 May) with

her views on contraception, liturgy

and sex education, but these views

seem almost identical to those

expressed in the Pope's encyclical

of 1994, Veritatis Splendor, as

described elsewhere in the same edition of your newspaper ("Holy

war"). No wonder that she was welcomed by the organisation aptly named Pro Ecclesia et Pon-

The report referred also to the

singing of the Creed in Latin as

"a practice out of favour since Vatican II": a strange assertion.

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Serenity of Vermeer crowded out

has attracted tremendous pub-licity and vast audiences. While the show's high profile may serve to justify the expense involved and the difficulties posed by such an undertaking, the great pob-licity surrounding it is, at the same time, its undoing.

Andrew Marr wrote (23 March) that the reason such a huge oumber of visitors are making the "pilgrimage" to the Hague is because "there they will experience something extraordinary, something they will never forget" - the "mystical experi-ence" of Vermeer's art.

How can the serenity and still-ness of a painting by Vermeer be appreciated when chaos and hysteria fill the space around it? The crowds around each of Vermeer's small paintings are four rows deep and there is barely room to move, let alone concentrate oo the work. Timed entrance tickets

Lib Dems poised

Sir: John Curtice's criticisms of the Liberal Democrats' recent performance and Paddy Ashdown's abandonment of equidistance (30 April) are both unfounded.

First, to say Labour's rise is at the expense of the Lib Dems and not the Conservatives is plainly wrong. National opinion polls out the Tories in the mid 20s (down 20 points from 1992) and the Lib Dems in the mid to high teens (the same as in 1992).

It is true that the Lib Dem candidate was squeezed in the Staffordshire by-election. This was the consequence of an electorate desperate for change, and oow familiar with tactical voting; something which Labour has also suffered from in parliamentary by-elections since 1992, losing their deposits in Christchurch

and Newbury. On equidistance, if Mr Ashdown had left open the possibility of propping up this tired and dis-credited Government, theo he would be seen as standing in the way of the British electorate's overwhelming mood for change. The Lib Dems are now well-positioned to take advantage of this mood.

CHARLES ANGLIN Lib Dem PPC for Leyton & Wanstead Londoo E15

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Sir: Remarkable for a show con- and overcrowded spaces, not to taining only 21 paintings, the mention excessive merchandise. Vermeer exhibition at The Hague bitions, of which the Vermeer, or the recent Cézanne show at the Tate, are typical. This is no way to see art.

It is also foolish to helieve that it is genuine love and appreciation of Vermeer's geoius, or Cézanne's revolutionary style, which draws the visitor. Compare the Cézanne exhibition with the Courtauld Institute; here, in the heart of London, are five splendid examples of Cezanne's paintings (three of which were, ironically, on loan to the Tate for the exhibitioo) yet the Courtauld receives fewer visitors in a year than the Tate did for this exhibition alone.

Exhibitions are sold to the public as packages; it seems that the audience's cothusiasm is driven more by the event than by a love of paintings.

Renaming 'Jamie'

Sir: Your articles about the High Court ruling against Michael Howard's 15-year lariff oo Robert Thompson and Jon Venables (3 May) refer to the mur-der of "Jamie" Bulger. The child's Christian oame was James: this is what his parents and relations called him, and how they always knew him. "Jamie" is a media coinage: it is the name, oot of a real boy, but of an icon or emblem. To continue using it is not only disrespectful to the Bulger family. It also prevents us from thinking wisely and dispassionately about a case which involves the fates of two other young children. BLAKE MORRISON

London SE3 Sweat-shop work

Sir: Two Thai brothers are imprisoned in Los Angeles for running a sweat-shop ("Jail for 'slave' pair", 1 May). They were given six years io prison and ordered to pay their workers

In Britain they would be paraded before the Tory party conference as examples of "enterprise" Britain.

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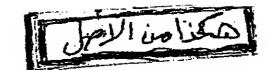
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Listen carefully, Bond. The rules have changed

In 1971. Edward Heath's government pulled off one of the most bracingly inspired diplomatic coups of the post-war period. Britain expelled 105 Soviet spies. This was definitely not cricket. "Tit for tat" expulsions were fine, but a preemptive mass eviction was unheard of. The Russians were, literally,

It was a brilliant move because some genius at the Foreign Office had realised that spying, in those days, was not a zero sum game. The Soviets had dozens, possibly hundreds, of agents moving about a relatively open country. To keep track of each one, with their dead letter addition, the world as a whole boxes in surreally banal places like Crouch End, required nine MIS operatives. Of course, we also had agents in the Soviet Union. Some were successful, but on the whole spying on a tightly controlled police state did not produce the same

New enemies and an information explosion have turned today's spies into thinkers, not shooters

by refusing to play by the rules. Things have changed. Russia is no longer an enemy, but, on the other James Bond would defuse the hand, it must be an easier place to be a spy now that it is free of Communist control. And it is a necessary place on which to spy. It remains a potentially unstable nation with a vast nuclear arsenal. Knowing what is going on there is probably more addition, the world as a whole remains a dangerous and unpredictable place. The paranoid nation state may be resting, but it is not dead. The great game of covert diplomacy must go on.
Yet the news that the Russians are

to expet British diplomats for spying comes as a shock, as if Slade or the

We had, therefore, nothing to lose Bay City Rollers suddenly had a number one hit. It is news from another era, from a time when wicked hi-tech schemes of the KGB. Somehow, we thought, we had grown out of all that.

And it wasn't just the end of the Cold War that made spying seem dated. There has also been the steady stream of revelations from Oleg Gordievsky and others. These exposed not the exciting world of James Bond, but a drab world of clerks and bureaucrats, labouring as much against the demands of their bosses as against the enemy. Plus everybody did it and nobody could provide any objective assessment of an essentially futile activity, a mere ritual whose silliness made it appear contemptible rather than heroic.



BRYAN APPLEYARD

But this Russian capture - I am assuming, almost certainly correctly, that we were indeed spying - reminds us that the ritual must continue. It must continue even though it may seem emptier than ever. The primary cause has gone. Our spies are no tonger protecting our freedom against a savage totalitarianism. a whole range of more nebulous

industrial and economic threats, and an uncertain military environment. Their activities cannot be justified by the formula us-good, them-bad; they can only be justified by the generalised conviction that it is better to know than not to know, better to be

ready than to be taken by surprise.

Ultimately, however, traditional spying must be on the way out. Certainly, there is more to know than ever before, and as much need to know. But, at the same time, there is far more knowledge that is available to everybody. The spook rifling a filing cabinet or skulking around an air base is, increasingly, an unnecessarily risky use of manpower. Satellites and computers can penetrate frontiers far more effectively. and the averagely gifted teen backer can find his way into all kinds of secret systems. Information is every-

where, lying about the place like rubbish on a skip; and, also like rubbish on a skip, some of it can turn out to be surprisingly valuable.

What now counts is understanding. We know, more or less exactly, what the Russian air force can do: what we want to know is whether it will do it. This may be as much a matter of reading newspapers or lunching the right man as breaking into an office or "turning" an infor-

mant in the Kremlin. Our old-fashioned image of spying was based on the belief that there was something to be found out; for example, that, in James Bond terms, there was some devastating, exotic piece of technology whose secrets we had to discover. That image was born of an age of technological anxiety, the fear that science was moving so fast and on so many fronts

that it was out of control. Sputnik, the first space shot, enforced the sense that Western confidence in its own technological superiority might be misplaced. And that was com-bined with our sense of the Soviet Union as a vast, unknown landscape. After the last war, spy planes had to fly over the country just to map it properly. Spying was an expression of our fear of the profound illegibility of the enemy.

That fear is with us still. But now

it is not of the doomsday wcapon but rather of the scale and formlessness of the available information and of the uncertainty of who, exactly, is the

So, even though the rules have changed, we cannot stop playing the great intelligence game. But from now on, it really will be intelligence and the players will be thinkers, not shooters. A good thing, too, you may think, but not necessarily a less frightening one.

A blueprint for schools church in peace under Labour

The education guru Claus Moser sets out the path for a Blair government to follow

The best news about educa-tion is that it is now truly news. Politicians can no longer doubt there are votes in it. Indeed, almost for the first time, education may survive as a major issue into the election

There is a massive amount to be done and the key issue must he to improve education arrangements for low achievers and disadvantaged areas. This is where my hopes would be with Labour. It is my firm view. that the next government must schools, the teaching profession and the secondary system.

There is no doubt that success throughout education and indeed beyond depends critically on the early years in nursery school. This is where the groundwork for literacy and numeracy is laid, where interest in many subjects can be stimulated, and - hopefully the seeds for actually enjoying

school sown Hence the high priority given by the National Commission on Education - and many others to nursery education for all three- and four-year-olds. This was backed by the Prime Minister. But then officials got to work, aiming at something less ambitious. So, two and a half years after the Prime Minister's endorsement, all we have is a small pilot experiment, limited to four-year-olds and based on highly controversial voncher finance. A pathetic response to

I would expect a Labour

government to give this true more than 30 and class sizes priority. Provision should cover three- as well as four-year-olds, local anthorities being obliged to provide the places. A phased programme should start in deprived areas. Standards must be high, requiring specially trained and qualified teachers. Finance should come from public funds and the voucher system should be scrapped. I hope for universal provision within the lifetime of the next

Parallel with this goes priorfocus on four crisis priorities - ity for our 19,000 primary illiteracy and immumeracy. We cially judged madequate, a eful comment on the Gov-

> We cannot tolerate 15 per cent leaving primary school with limited literacy

ernment and local authorities. We will need an audit of primary schools, followed by an emergency programme to improve buildings, play-grounds, libraries and equipment. Again the start should be in inner-city, deprived areas.

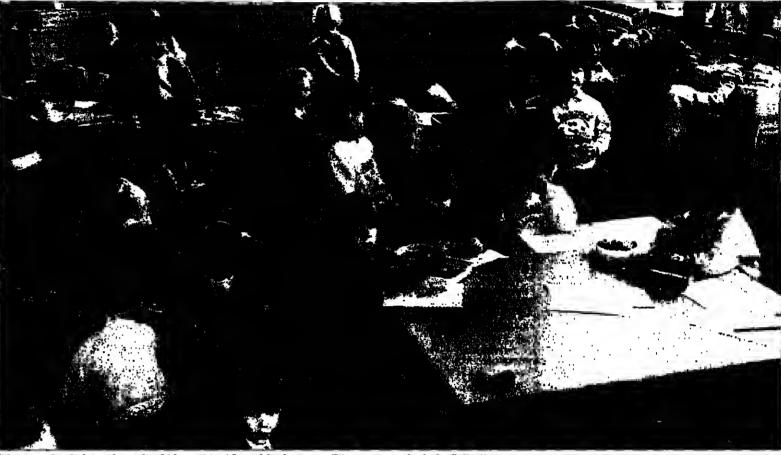
Class sizes must be brought down. The National Commission proposed that no primary school pupils should be in classes over 30 or, where conditions are particularly diffi-cult, over 20. This is a major challenge, with at present over a million children in classes of

increasing. (Some official spokesmen have questioned the facts. This is disingenuous. The evidence for smaller classes is overwhelming, especially for the first two primary years). Schemes are also needed to attract good teachers into primary schools, teachers knowledgeable in relevant subjects, as well as in the basics of English and mathematics. To attract first-class heads is the most important of all.

In all this lies the solution for children leaving primary schools with limited literacy and 20 per cent with limited Then there is the priority for

improvements in the teaching profession. No profession can expect to retain high motivation, if it is constantly run down. We need a more positive tone in the way politicians, officials and the media "talk" about teachers. A less provocative stance from the school inspectors would also do wonders. Of course inadequate teachers cannot be tolerated. But as a profession they deserve the highest respect. I look to the incoming government to set the tone and to implement the Commission's proposal to establish a General Teaching Coun-

cil. This is vital to give teachers a proper professional ethos, Initial teacher training is crucial, deserving increased support, not least in restoring the role of university education departments, so wrongly mar-



Primary school class sizes should be cut to 30, or 20 where conditions are particularly difficult

ginalised in recent years. Retraining on the job is a priority, constant bureaucratic intervention needs to be reduced, support staff strengthened and salaries were 37 per cent above average non-manual earnings, now they are I per cent below. Improved arrangements for selecting and training heads whose role is totally crucial -

need to be developed.
As regards curricula, schools deserve a period of stability, though there is always room for marginal improvements. At primary level the mathematics curriculum needs reform along the lines practised on the Continent, and I also hope that space can be found for a foreign language, so easily learnt in early years.

At secondary level, I hope the arts will find their way hack as compulsory after 14, as to save us from producing yet more philistine genera-tions. I hope that a Labour government will replace Alevels with a truly broad and flexible examination. A-levels are no longer appropriate either as school assessments,

nor for judging entrants to

higher education or the chang- selection. The secret to coming work scene.

I hope that the next governpolarised between those who favour whole-class, talk-and-

I hope peace will break out in the polarised debate on teaching methods

chalk methods, and those preferring the often derided "proeressive" methods. In truth, there is a range of methods which can exist side by side. As for the secondary system,

it should be developed on comprehensive schools at their best. There are many excellent comprehensives, offering opp-ortunities to a wide range of children, not least under-achievers. They can be diverse, with perhaps increasing specialisation, and a whole range of teaching methods, streaming and setting, but not, in my view,

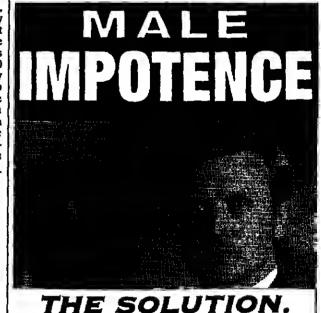
prehensive success is that they can attract a true mix of pupils. ment will allow peace to break mixed in ability, background out in the debate on teaching and motivation. I hope that J, Say, live years of t government, many, perhaps most, of the madequate comprehensives will be turned into attractive schools. This will need determination and resources. But it must be done if all chil-

dren are to have a fair chance. I would not engage in the uphill struggle of shutting down grammar and grant-maintained schools. Rather I hope that they will gradually but deliberately be transformed into firstclass comprehensives.

There remains the issue of independent schools. In one sense they are a minor problem. since they account for only eight per cent of children, but this is a considerable increase on the 5 per cent of a few years ago, and the figure is already 10 per cent in London. They remain highly privileged, both in what they offer and where they lead. I would look to a Labour government to take a number of steps to integrate them closely with the state system. The assisted places

scheme should go, as should I look to the next government privileged charitable status for an over-arching priority: to (unless it is extended to state who under-achieve or suffer schools). National curriculum and qualification arrangements disadvantaged in facilities and schools. Above all, ways should be found to extend their facilconditions. Spending on eduides to neighbouring state cation is an investment on schools. By this I don't just which economic growth depends, and on which, in turn, mean swimming pools or chemistry labs. I mean that, wherever what we can spend from pubpracticable, there should be lic funds depend. The new govshared teaching arrangements erument must accept this point, for children from independent and put education truly at the and neighbouring state schools. top of its agenda. And I would look to universi-

Sir Claus Moser was organiser of the independent National Commission on Education.



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The daytime television debate: It's more than cosy chats on the sofa, says Rod Natkiel, the man who brought us Anne and Nick, while Polly Toynbee justifies her attack on the 'cheap mish-mash'

We offer a broad picture, not a stupid vision

Polly Toynbee's dismissive comments about daytime television are as patronising and insulting to the viewers as they are to the performers and programme-makers concerned. By sweepingly describing it as "Stupidvision", she implies that those who loyally tune into the diverse range of BBC and ITV programmes every day between 9am and 5pm are

Ms Toynbee's remarks indicate that she doesn't understand the very people who, as she acknowledges,

make up the "diverse and intelligent andience" for daytime television. The demands of their tastes and needs have led to an increasingly impressive supply - from incisive factual debates such as Kilroy and The Time. The Place, through social action issues, to inventive factual entertainment like Going for a Song. Even Ms Toynbee has to applaud Can't Cook, Won't Cook, the triumphantly successful Ready Steady Cook, and out-and-out entertainment shows such as ITV's Supermarket Sweep. And, of course, there is news, drama, children's programmes and sport. Daytime television viewers have access to almost every genre of the available output. To attack daytime television for failing to take a chance with "new ideas, dangerous formats, risky try-

outs and crashing disasters" demeans the rights of those that watch it. Are daytime viewers to be treated like guinea pigs, to be played with at will? Experiments must be meritorious. Anyone involved in live television knows the risks inherent in the kind of live phone-in debates and interviews that feature daily on both net-

A cursory glance through the pages of the same Radio Times that features Ms Toynbee's invective will reveal a great diversity of programme output available throughout every day of the week. And new talent is to be found emerging from all areas of it. How else would new stars such as Dale Winton and Ainsley Harriott have earned their popularity with viewers?

Most puzzling of all, perhaps, is Ms Toynbee's revolutionary suggestion that the public should now have some say in the matter. The BBC carried out an extensive review of its daytime output months ago, drawing upon the opinions of thousands of daytime viewers. The new BBC I schedule that emerges in the autumn will be the true test of whether Ms Toynbee's patronising comments are justified.

Rod Natkiel is head of Network Tele-vision, BBC Pebble Mill.

It's time to change this tepid dishwater

Curious what makes news on a thin bank hol-Ciday Monday. The papers have been greatly exercised by my column in the Radio Times. I wrote that I thought daytime television was mainly old-fashioned tepid dishwater and patro-tising to its viewers. So what's new?

I called it Supidvision because presenters, who must be reasonably intelligent people, pretend not to be so on daytime television. You can tell what they think of viewers by the way they strain to keep their own brains in constant, grinding first gear. Schedulers target the lowest common denominator, trying to scrape up every last meagre viewer with a cheap mish-mash designed to offend

no-one, but probably delight no-one either. The departure of both Good Morning with Anne and Nick, and the Pebble Mill lunchtime chat show gives the BBC a chance to think again about how to treat their daytime viewers - though the BBC is by no means the worst offender. Channel 5 will be launched next January, earmarking daytime as one of its target zones. Will they all fight one another down lower and lower in the chieless stakes? Or is it time for a clever broadcaster - like the BBC - to lift its game?

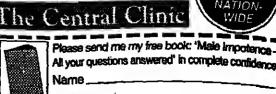
Daytime audiences are scarce - Richard and Judy saw off Anne and Nick with a mere 1.9 million viewers. That could be liberating, offering

a chance to experiment, since there is less to lose sion schedulers are 20 years out of date. if a show flops. Instead of trying to attract viewers like flies with a thin layer of cheap jam. daytime television should use the freedom for new dangerous formats and risky try-outs. Now it is a graveyard for used producers, low in prestige. Why shouldn't it be a testing ground for new tal-

ent, where anyone with a good idea gets a go? There are some very good quirky shows. But most of the weary mornings and afternoons have a musty fly-blown aura that goes along with the dread word "housewife". At a time when even the mighty Unilever has dropped the housewife as a symbol for its washing products, the televi-

Daytime television matters - the audience is diverse. There are large numbers of the early-retired who are definitely not old. There are many who work shifts, odd bours, work from home or have no work at all. But even if they are old that doesn't make them senile cabbages, nor are women at home with children imbecilic. The assumption that everyone at home is either an underclass no-hoper or a daft brush with Pairy Liqmid for brains is insulting. The quality of daytime programming matters, even if it isn't the prestige end of the market. Is any of this really news?

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Cardinal Léo Jozef Suenens

Cardinal Leo Jozef Suenens. former Archbishop of Brussels-Malines, the primatial diocese of Belgium, was arguably the single most effective promoter of change within the Roman Catholic Church during the 1960s after the two Popes of that era, John XXIII and Paul VI.

His influence permeated the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) despite the suspicion and even antagonism of the more conservative elements in the Roman Curia. His strength lay in three factors: his manifest understanding of the modern world, his ability to convey this understanding in lucid language and above all, the trust which Pope John and, for a time. Pope Paul, placed in his judgement. Suenens came from a rela-

tively impoverished background as his father, a Brussels restaurateur, died when he was a small child. When he entered the seminary to become a priest, after showing notable ability at school, he came to the notice of the then Archbishop of Brussels, Cardinal Desiré Mercier, who sent him to Rome, where he took his doctorates in theology and philosophy at the Gregoriin 1927, he spent some years in

teaching posts and was briefly an army chaplain before his appointment to the prestigious University of Louvain in 1940 as Vice-Rector. In 1945 he was made an auxiliary hishop and in 1961 Archhishop of Brussels-

The evolution of his atti-

tudes can be traced in this

career. The Gregorian and Louvain were formidable forcing-grounds for his intellectual formation, the pastoral experience of 16 years as an auxiliary hishop made for a realistic ment of the state of postwar society in Western Europe, and the patronage of Cardinal Mercier put him in touch with the first stirrings of ecumenism - the movement towards Christian unity which Mercier had initiated in the 1920s through the abortive "Malines Conversa-tions" with Lord Hahfax. Merci-er's dealings with the Church of England, incidentally, may well have been the origin of Suenens's own easy affinity with the Anglican communion both at the high level of Canterbury and York, but also in simpler circumstances such as a lecture and book launch at St Bride's in Fleet Street, which I remember with pleasure - the

kind of occasion where the

Cardinal liked to explain that he was neither of the right nor the left in the Church but of "the extreme centre".

An ecumenical vision typified the modernising perceptions which caused Pope John to invite Suenens to advise him early in 1962 on how the upcoming Vatican Council might best be structured. Suenens replied with proposals that not only the role of bishops and relations with other churches should be on the agenda hut also the then major questions of nuclear armaments, war and peace, population and birth control. When the first session of the Council floundered under the weight of too much documentation and controversial curial propositions, John called on Suenens and the Archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Montini, to take a major role in reorganising the Council's agenda and methodology. By the opening of the second session in the autumn of 1963, John was dead and Montini was reigning as Pope Paul VI.

Since the new Pope had a sensitivity to the problems of the age very similar to that of Sucnens, the Council reflected their concerns accurately. It decreed the updating of Church other reasons.

sive introduction of vernacular languages in place of Latin) and the understanding of the Church itself as the People of God - involving greater recog-nition of the role of the local churches and the laity as well as the rights of hishops acting in collaboration with the Pope. It also spoke of the need to acknowledge the good achieve-ments of the modern world as well as the dangers inherent in material values, the oppression of the poor and the nuclear arms race. Ecumenism, involving the truth to be perceived in other churches and the duty to work towards the unity of all Christians, was accepted as a

liturgy (involving the progres-

Optimism began to cloud over with the publication of the encyclical Humanae Vitae in 1968, most memorable and immediately controversial for its repetition of existing papal con-demnations of artificial methods of birth control. While many within the Roman Church and outside it were distressed by the renewed condemnation, the document - which he had tried to dissuade the Pope from issning - saddened Suenens for

centrepiece of Roman Catholic

thinking.

A commission appointed by the Pope himself had recommended that the birth-control rule be changed: this advice was rejected, and in arriving at his decision the Pope had not consulted the bishops generally throughout the Church as the Council's doctrine of "collegiality" had seemed to imply would be the norm on matters of special importance. For Suenens this represented the dead hand of the curia at work. He thought he saw it in other aspects of papal policy at the same time and felt that the tendency undermined all authority within the Church. He made his criticisms known through an interview which be gave to the French journal Informations Catholiques in 1970 - and carried in English, at his request. in The Tablet.

While arguments continued, the role of Spenens as a progressive flagbearer within the Church diminished thereafter. Curial influence proved the stronger, the pace of conciliar reform slowed down and, in the view of some, has actually been reversed in the reign of Paul's eventual successor, the present Pope John Paul II.

Snenens himself turned to promotion of the charismatic re-

newal movement virtually to exclusion of comments on Church policy: as he told a journalist, "I used to be concerned with the motor of the car, now I'm concerned with the petrol". It was the kind of remark he could so often phrase cogently in his ex-cellent English. It was also the kind of analogy drawn from the modern western society which was his pastorate. It explained both his extraordinary influence in the world he understood so well and the discomfiture which his stance in the past had caused in those of older traditions and different perspectives. For the society from which he came, for which he spoke and to whom he addressed his many books, he was a prophet who did as his friend, John XXIII, so often advised: he read the signs of the

Louis McRedmond

Léo Jozef Suenens, priest; born Brussels 16 July 1904; ordained priest 1927; Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Malines 1945-61; Archbishop of Malines-Brussels and Primate of Belgium 1961-79 (Emeritus); created Cardinal 1962; Moderator of the Vatican Council 1962-65; died 6 May



ns: read the signs of the times Photograph: Andes Press Agency

Donald Cammell

The first film Donald Cammell co-directed was the remarkable Performance (1970), a violent, sexually ambiguous story of East End gangsters and a reclusive rock star which brutally stubbed out the fag end of the Swinging Sixties, It was an exploration of the individual's role in society, and the establishment greatly disliked the fact. Reviews at the time were varied, but most memorable perhaps was John Simon of New York magazine, who said it was "the most vile film ever made".

Performance was not only radical, it was an exciting work of art - breaking barriers for the first time. It quickly became a milestone of the day, and many of its techniques - cross-cutting, sound which didn't relate to the image, its clever editing and gen-eral disjointedness - had an incredible influence on other directors' work. It became and still is a cult movie. The house in Lowndes Square used in the



film, belonging to Captain Leonard Plugge MP, became the butt of popular investigative journalism - questions were asked as to what was going on in this respectable Belgravia community and whether real drugs were being used in the film. James Fox, its star, found the experience of making Performance - and its subject matter - so disturbing that he

retired from acting for 15 years, Donald Seton Cammell was named Seton after his godfa-ther, the much respected Scottish naturalist Seton Gordon. He was born in Edinburgh in the Outlook Tower by the castle; his father Charles was a writer, poet and keen Scottish Nationalist and his mother Iona was a MacDonald. Both parents thought Donald had been born with a particularly artistic and imaginative star to guide and protect him.

He was educated at Westminster, but left early to concentrate on art. After studying drawing and painting at the Byam Shaw School of Art, he won a scholarship to the Royal Academy Schools and then moved to Florence to study with Pietro Annigoni, Back in Londressed as a page at the Queen's coronation.

In the mid-Fifties, Chelsea Cammell moved into a studio by whom he had a son.



in Flood Street which, thanks to his talent and charm, became a mecca for a remarkable numdon, he became a fashionable ber of beautiful women and a pher Claude Virgin III Jur and his hirdcage, and the young Marquess of Dufferin and Arm tured in the films A High Wind in Jamaica, 1965, and From Russia With Love, 1963), whom and the King's Road beckoned. he married when he was 20, and

By the mid-1960s, Cammell had become uneasy with London. He wanted to live a "modero" life and found portrait-painting restrictive, but Paris, and then to Los Angeles.

The first film he scripted but he was unhappy with the end result. He clearly thought er David as associate producer.

that writing and directing together was his destiny - that way he would have control of his material. Shortly afterwards he wrote Performance and, helped abstract art was alien to him. by his friendship with Mick Hoping to encounter a different outlook, he moved first to give him his chance to make it himself. A team was formed with Sanford Lieberson as prowas Duffy in 1967, starring ducer, the lighting cameraman James Coburn and James Fox. Nicholas Roeg as joint director,

Shot in 1969, the first cut revealed one of the first really adult movies. Warner Bros were horrified and wanted to bury it. However, despite divided opinion, the film was finally released over two years later in 1972.

Certainly Performance startled and provoked, and should have provided a gateway to Donald Cammell's subsequent career. Sadly, Hollywood

ing and scripting countless screenplays including White of the Eye (1987) and Demon Seed (1977), in which Julie Christie gave one of her greatest per-

The Wild Side, starting Christopher Walken and Joan Chen, was shot last year, but Cammell was unhappy with the cut made by New Image, the production company, and he removed his name from the credits. Other scripts involving Marlon Brando, "Jericho" and 'Pantan", have yet to come to

Michael Parkin

It is an admittedly minor question, writes John Lyttle. Nevertheless, it has tantalised movie buffs since Performance was released, and will tease all the more in the wake of Donald Cammell's death: whose style whose signature - is most stamped on what is, in many ways, the ultimate cult movie? Cammell's or his co-director Nicolas Rocg's, a question ren-

were making directorial debuts? The obvious answer would style, the swirling camerawork. as hallucinatory (Eureka, Bad of the Eye's explosive finale. Timing, Walkabout) that mark his later work are abundantly Donald Seson Cammell, scriptpresent in Performance. But this impression is partially false. 17 January 1934; married 1954 We think of Performance as Maria Andipa (one son; marriage thought differently. Instead Roeg's first fully-fledged vision dissolved). 1978 China Kong:

aware of the Roeg canon. He, like Cammell, would have collisions with the studio system. but Rocg's movies would (until recently) receive wide distribution. Cammell's commercial misfires - namely the misogynist nightmare Demon Seed and the serial killer thriller White of the Eye - have barely seen the light of day, and arc. unfortunately, seldom revived. so very few know that they are as visually extravagant and as dislocated as anything Rocg has offered.

The extraordinary While of the Eye in particular traffics in flashbacks, fast-cutting and a use of filters that simultaneously recalls Roeg while seeming the essence of Cammell. Likewise the film's voyeristic detachment from, but plain fascination with, the killer's sexuality and his convoluted relationship with his wife recalls Performance at its finest, as well as echoing Bad Timing.

So the puzzle of authorship remains, if puzzle it is. Perhaps dered all the more problemat- Performance was - is - no mot ic-or idle-by the fact that both and no less, than a meeting of minds. And technique. And obsessions. Whatever, it reseem to be Roeg. The splintered mains both men's crowning achievement, unless Cammell's the intense colours and re-liance on scripts best described minute surprise equal to 117/0c

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writer, director, born Edinburgh Cammell survived by develop- because we're so much more died Los Angeles 24 April 1996.

Hermann Kesten

National literatures are pep-National literatures are pep-pered with so-called living this early stage he seems to have envisaged twin careers for himmonuments, last surviving representatives of this and that, often more dreamed up than verifiable, It is, however, difficult to avoid the conclusion that, with the death of Hermann Kesten, an entire chapter of German literary history really has closed. And not only literary history – Kesten's presence at the points where literature ("Josef breaks free"). Reviewand politics met or, more often, collided derived from his own clear sense that literature needed to be not only written but also promoted, organised and protected.

Kesten was born in Nuremberg in 1900, son of a Jewish ("Happy Man", 1931). Both merchant. In the early 1920s, while a student in Frankfurt, he was already writing plays and chosen as book of the year by forging literary plans. Even at Thomas Mann.

self, as a writer and as a publisher. Personal contacts -Kesten always relished the company of fellow writers and pubshers - facilitated the move to Berlin to take up, in 1928, a post as an editor with the left-wing ers were enthusiastic, and Kesten was awarded the prestigious Kleist Prize.

Two more novels quickly followed: Ein ausachweifender Mensch ("Running Riot", 1929) and Glückliche Menschen were judged highly topical and were well received - the last was

But his other career was not neglected. Kesten was a key figure in the innovative literary programme of Kiepenheuer. In 1929 he published a collection of new writing by 24 authors, a selection so judi-ciously representative that it was reprinted more than 50 years later. Kesten's publishing gifts were brought into even sharper, if unwelcome, focus by the catastrophic turn of events in 1933. Kesten saw where the turn was likely to lead: early in 1933 his friend and fellow-novelist Erich Kästner met him on the Kurfürstendamm, suitcase in hand - "Where are you going?", Kästner asked. "Paris." "For long?" "About 10 years," Kesten replied. He was in one sense nearly right, in another wholly wrong - be never again per-manently settled in Germany.

In Paris Kesten began as a central figure in the Emerin Switzerland and for many orking for the Amsterdam gency Rescue Committee, he asyears in Rome) did not sever his working for the Amsterdam publisher Allert de Lange. Ampublisher Allert de Lange. Am-sterdam became a centre of ex-and, with Klaus Mann, edited in the 1930s and Kesten, who moved there and became part of it, took seriously the task of creating communities and preserving continuities, editing banned writers known and unknown, past and present, from Heinrich Heine to Bertholt Brecht. His support of exiled writers was well known and it could take remarkably creative forms in 1935 he wrote to his friend Klaus Mann suggesting "You should write a nov-el about a homosexual careerist in the Third Reich." Mann did - Mephisto was the result. In 1940 Kesten emigrated to

ile for German book-publishing a hugely influential anthology of European creative writing from 1920 to 1940, called Heart of Europe. Throughout the Hitler years and beyond Kesten continued to write prolifically. Indeed the experience of those troubled times yielded fiction and nontiction: novels tracing con-trasting fates - Die Zwillinge von

trasting fates—Die Zwillinge von Nürnberg ("The Twins of Nuremberg", 1946)—or a Jew's recovery, against the odds, of his faith—Die fremden. Götter ("Strange Gods", 1949)—or biographies of seekers after varieties of freedom—Coppenicus (1949)—or Discovery (1949)—or Di (1948) and Casanova (1952). New York and later acquired Kesten's periodic moves (he lived in New York, in Munich, American citizenship. Here too,

years in Rome) did not sever his links with Germany. Distance and seniority gave him a special status as Germany, and German literature in particular, emerged from the ruins. In the 47 Group, by far most influential grouping of writers and critics in the 1950s and early 1960s, he was regarded as "the Old Master", "the kindly, almost paternal seemed, a continuity reaching back into the far-distant 1920s. The recognition was there -Kesten received many prizes, was elected President of West German PEN in 1972 - but speaking out against what he

Johnson, in the early 1960s, he was increasingly seen - and sidelined - as an old-style liberal in a literary culture that sought newer styles of political commitment.

But the "paternal mentor" was no casual tag. The creative, preservative effects of Kesten's commitment to fellow writers during the dark years are incalculable. Nor is it incongrumentor". He embodied, it ous that mone so committed to unbroken continuities his own early novels should seem to have lasted best. The three novels published between 1929 and 1931, with their ironically matter-of-fact handling of often mentors are more likely to fall macabre events are among the behind than to lead. After most vivid accounts in fiction of the moral chaos at the end of wrongly saw as the Communist the Weimar Republic. As the sympathies of one of Germany's critic Arthur Benjamin said, most promising writers. Uwe "Kesten's powerful realist gaze



was penetrating those places where the world was trying to batten down the hatches."

Philip Brady

Hermann Kesten, author, publisher: born Nuremberg 1900; married Toni Warowitz (died 1977); died Basle, Switzerland 3 May 1996.

Children, opens the Society's Coventry Children's Centre, Coventry; and attends a performance at the Birmingham Hip-

BIRTHS

MORGAN: To Alice (nee Reid) and Daniel, on 4 May, a son, Frederick Mark Edward.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL PRESTON: On Thursday 2 May 1996, as a result of an accident in Tanzania. Laura, 18, beloved daughter of Robert and Rosie Campbell-Preston, and sister of Clare. Patrick and Emma. Service on Friday 10 May at St Conan's Church, Lochawe, at 230pm.

CHALLIS: James Thomas of Canter-hury. Husband of Brendo, father of Jasmine, Ben and Tig. Died peacefully 3 May in the Pilgrians' Hospice after a few weeks of illness, aged 66. Cremation on 10 May at Barbam. No flowers, but donations to "Child Workers in Asia", Royal Bank of Scrolland Contestury.

Scotland, Canterbury.

GIBSON: On 3 May 1996. Ethel, formerly of Bowdon, Cheshire, and lately of Oakwood House, Stalybridge, the beloved wife of the late Gordon Gibson and the dear mothers of the late. er of the late Dr Ian Gibson. Gratefut thanks toward 34 Thameside Flospital for their tender care. Funeral service at Dulumfield Crematorium on Friday 10 May 1996 at 3pm. Enquiries to Vernon's Funeral Service, Ashton-under-Lyne. telephone 0161-339 0599.

Births. Marriages & Deaths

GRILLER: On 26 April, Honor Eliza-beth, beloved mother of Catherine Pinner and Arnold Griller, Funeral service at Mortake Crematorium on Friday 10 May at 1.15pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marioes Road, Lon-don W8, telephone 0171-937 0757.

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Birthdays

Sir David Attenborough, broadcast-er and naturalist, 70; Mr Peter Benchley, author, 56; Lord Blyth of Rowington, chief executive and deputy chairman, Boots, 56; Mr Jack Charlton, football manager, 61; Dr Sir Anthony Dawson, consulting physician, former physician to the Queen, 68; Sir Ian Denholm, chairman, J. & J. Denholm, 69; Miss Viviana Durante, ballerina, 29; Viscount Falkland, former chief executive, C.T. Bowring (Trading) Holdings, 61; Mr Gary Gliner, rock performer, 52; Miss Heather Harper, soprano, 66; Lord Hoffmann, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 62; Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 71; Mr David Kendall, chairman, Ruberoid, 61; Mr Norman Lamont MP, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, 54; The Right Rev Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, 75; Miss Felicity Lott, soprano, 49; Lord Murton of Lindisfarue, deputy Chairman of Committees, and a Deputy Speaker, House of Lords, 82; Vice-Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, chief executive, British Standards Institution, 60; Dr John

Reid MP, 48; Mr Alastair Service, writer, publisher, campaigner and

chairman, Wiltshire and Bath District Health Authority, 63; Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, secretary, Council of Justice for Animals and Humane Slaughter Association, 59; Sir Rouald Waterhouse, former High Court judge, 70; Sir Philip Wilkinson, former deputy chairman, National Westminster Bank, 69.

Anniversaries Births: Karl Stamitz, composer, bup-tised, 1745; Johann Baptist Gans-bacher, composer, 1778; Thomas Hancock, pioneer of rubber manufacture, 1786; Saint Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney, puest and teacher, 1786; François-Anguste Marie Mignet, historian, 1796; Jean-Heuri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, 1828; Moreton Frewen MP, writer and entrepreneur, 1853; John Meade Falkner, novelist, 1858; Harry S. Truman, 33rd US president, 1884; John Derrick Mordaunt Snagge, broadcaster, 1904. Deaths: John Stuart Mill, political economist, 1873; Gustave Flaubert, novelist, 1880; Michat Pasha, statesman, 1884; "Holbein (ii): Portrait of Erusmus", Eugène-Henri Paul Gauguin, post-Impressionist painter, 1903; Oswaki Spengler, philosopher, 1936; Dame don WCL: Professor Christopher Ethel Mary Smyth, composer and suf-

founder of Selfridge's department store, 1947; Emanuel, Baron Shin-well, statesman, 1986. On this day: the Act of Uniformity was signed by Queen Elizabeth I, 1559; the British monarchy was restored, 1660; the "People's Charter" was issued by the Working Men's Association, 1838; the US forces defeated the Mexicans at the Battle of Palo Alto, 1846; Mount reice on Martinique erupted, de-stroying the city of St Pierre and killing 38,000 people, 1902; Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) took place, 1945; John Osborne's play Look Back in Anger was first performed, Royal Court Theatre, London, 1956.

fragist, 1944; Harry Gordon Selfridge,

Lectures

University College London, Lon-don WC1: Professor Christopher

Plechelm, St Victor Maurus and St

and bladder", 5.30pm.
Tate Gallery: Nan Goldin, "Balled of Sexual Dependency", 6.30pm. Loughborough University: Professor Sir Robert May, "Biological Diversity, yesterday, today and tomorrow 4.30pm.

Luncheons Institute of Physics

A huncheon was held by the Institute of Physics yesterday at the Goring Hotel, London SW1, for representatives of the Institute's Corporate Affiliate Companies. Dr C.A.P.
Powell, Immediate Past President,

Italian Cultural Institute

An Interfaith Dialogue Meeting was held yesterday at the Italian Cultur-al Institute, London SW1. Among those present were:

Mr Stamuel Hades, Israeli Ambrassador to the Holy See: Lord Weisleafeld: The Rev Wilhert Forter, of the Rempleton Foundation: Dr Zaki Budawi, of the Mustim College; Mr Saha Risakeddin, Cutemus Foundation: Rabbi H. Gryn; Rabbi I. Maganet; Mr Greville Jamer MP, Ms Ruth Weyl.

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ROYAL ENCAGEMENTS
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attend a Service of the Order of the British Empire in St Paul's Cathedral, London BC4. The Duke of Edinburgh, Freeman and Liveryman, sucade the Fishmongers' Company Court Ladies Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall, London BC4. Prince Edward, Parron, Ocean Youth Club, attends a private view of nautical pictures and memorabilita at Christie's South Kensington, London SW7. The Princess Royal opens the new Newmarket Hospinal, Newmarket, Suffolk; as Patron, Animal Health Trust, attends the Princess Royal's Industry Committee Meeting, opens the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association Centre for Small Animal Studies, attends the Council of Management AGM at Lauvades Hall, Kennet, and attends the Industry Committee Dinner at the Dorchester House Hotel, London W1; and as Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureauc, visits Bury St Edmunds, Striffels, Princess Margaret, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Crucity to

Children's Centre, Coventry; and attends a performance at the Birmingham Hippodrome in aid of the NSPCC by the Birmingham Royal Ballet, of which she is President. The Duckers of Gloscester opens the new surgical block at \$5 Michaels Hospital, Hayle; opens the new extension at Duchy Hospital, Trarro; as Patron, National Authoria Campaign, visits the Asthma Information Centre, \$5 Austall; and attents a presentating given by acceptance. attends a presentation given by members of the Asthma Task Team in Cornwall, at of the Ashma Fied Team in Cornwall, at John Keay House, St. Austell, Cornwall, Princers Alexandra visits the Louth County Hospital, Louth, Lincolnshire, and opens the offices of Lincolnshire Rural Housing Association Limited at Markime House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalty Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Oueen's Life Goard at Horse Guards, 1 Lam; 14 Buttalion Welsh Guards mounts the Oueen's Guard, at Bockingham Palace, 11,30nm, band pro-vided by the Welsh Guards.

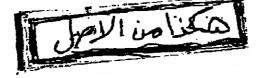
Wills

Mr Terence Tenison Cunco, the painter, left estate valued at £1,384,146 net.

of London SW7, former Ambassador to the RNLL.

to Spain and Portugal, and to Sweden, left estate valued at £413,256 net. Mr Harold Lawrence Smith, of Seisdon, Staffordshire, left estate value at £4,621,484 net. He left £2,500 to Sir Archibald David Manisty Ross. All Saints Church, Toxull, and £1,000

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Treasury to lower growth expectations

in December, although the

downgrade is unlikely to be as

dramatic as draft documents

The tone of the think-tank's

annual report on the UK re-

mains optimistic about the

medium-term outlook for the

economy. But, given the po-

tentially embarrassing down-ward revision ahead of an

have suggested.

Economics Editor

The Treasury will revise down its growth target for the economy this year in its summer forecast, due to be published early in July, despite Chancel-lor Kenneth Clarke's insistence that strong consumer spending

will boost the economy.

The move is tikely to increase pressure from Cnnservative backenchers for further cuts in the cost of borrowing later this year. Many see huoyant

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City analysts do not, however, expect Mr Clarke to rush to reduce hase rates after his monthly meeting this morning with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. The Chancellor has cut rates three times since December to their current 6 per cent level.

In last November's Budget Mr Clarke predicted 3 per cent growth in GDP in 1996. The Treasury is likely to cut this to 2.5-2.7 per cent, reflecting continuing stagnation in manufacturing industry.

The Treasury's caution mirrors similar revisions by other forecasters - including some of its panel of "wise persons" who had been relatively optimistic about the pace of growth.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development will publish a revised outlook for the UK at the end of this month showing that its experts are not confident of a significant pick-up in the econ-

growth as essential to their re-election chances. weaker export markets and only during the rest of this as early as possible from the continuing stagnation in man-year. It will cut its forecast usual midsummer date. from the 2.4 per cent published Other prominent economists

are shading down their predictions for growth this year. They include the London Business School, whose latest outlook was released last week, and the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, which publishes a new predicnon in 10 days' time.

the LBS's Centre for Economelection campaign, its publication has been brought forward of growth is likely to pick up

during the course of this year, but it would not be credible for the Chancellor to stick to a 3 per cent forecast." The Treasury would have to concede that the international environment had

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weakened, he said. Martin Weale, director of the institute and one of the O.4 per cent during the first Treasury's panel, said: "It would quarter of this year, taking be too pessimistic to predict that there will be no improvement simistic to predict that during the year. However, the Chancellor's chance of meeting 3 per cent is only one in five. It is not very likely."

The financial markets also expect the economy to strengthen. Traders in the futures market are betting that base rates will start rising from their

current level by the autumn. Recent preliminary figures show that the economy grew by GDP to a level only 2 per cent higher than a year earlier. The Office for National Statistics reported that the service indus-tries expanded by 0.5 per cent during the first quarter, down

from a 0.8 per cent increase in the final quarter of last year. But many economists think the preliminary estimates will be revised up, as they were for the fourth quarter of 1995. Some forecasters who had been at the pessimistic end of the range about this year's outlook have

recently upgraded their figures. The Treasury's monthly summary of forecasts for the UK economy showed that the average new prediction for GDP growth in 1996 was 2.4 per cent, up from 2.3 per cent.

Midlands counter-bid battle recedes

MICHAEL HARRISON

The prospect of a contested bid battle for Midlands Electricity looked to be receding last night, clearing the way for it to become the third regional power com-pany to fall under the US

invasion of the industry.

The £1.7bn agreed hid yesterday from the Ohio-based electricity supplier Cinergy and General Public Utilities of New Jersey was nnt as high as some analysts had forecast, valuing Midlands at 440p a share.

But industry sources played down the likelihood of Houston Industries, the rumoured counter-bidder, coming in with a rival offer. Meanwhile, Merrill Lynch, hrokers to Cinergy and GPU went into the market, huying 28 million shares in Midlands at 432p and lifting their stake to just over 9 per cent. Bryan Townsend, chairman of

Midlands, pledged that the takeover would not result in job losses and forecast that the alliance with the two US groups would produce a "formidable combination" in the world cnergy market.

Together the two US utilities supply 3.3 million customers in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, New Jersey and Pennsylvania and operate 25,000 megawatts of generating plant. They have combined assets of \$18bn (£12bn) and a combined market capitalisation of \$8bn.

Avon Energy, the joint com-pany formed by Cinergy and GPU to bid for Midlands, will

\$1bn of equity while a further £1.5bn of debt is being raised by its bankers, Chase and BZW. The offer values Midlands at

14.1 times last year's earnings, making it the second most ex-pensive in the sector and represents a premium of 20 per cent over the bid by PowerGen, which was blocked two weeks ago by the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang.

Midlands directors will make £876,000 by cashing in their

tricity companies by US utilties - Southern Company's bid for SWEB and Central and South - it would seem unlikely that this latest bid will be blocked.

Government's recent rulings on bids in the power sector, nothing is being taken for granted. Mr Townsend allayed fears that the takeover would mean

had not been approached by the US bidders and was sitting tight on the holding, which is currently showing a £70m profit. A spokesman said it had not yet decided whether to sell the

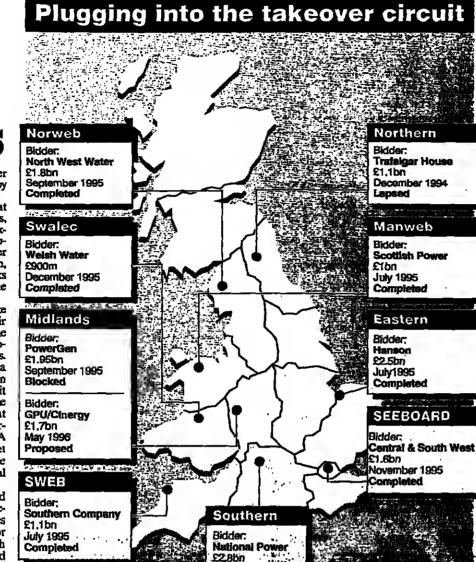
West's acquisition of Seeboard However, in the wake of market confusion caused by the

more job losses on top of the 1,200 in the last two years that

Norweb North West Water £1.8bn September 1995 Completed Swalec

shares in the company but none of the board stand to make bonanza profits from share options. PowerGen, which holds a crucial 21 per cent stake in Midlands, said last night that it

stake or to apply for a judicial review of the Lang decision. Since Mr Lang has cleared two takeovers of regional elec-



ed that jobs would disappear as Midlands continued to improve

Michael Hughes, who will remain as Midlands chief exec-GPU to bid for Midlands, will have taken the core workforce utive, forecast that the takeover player in the gas market with finance the offer with about down to 4,200. But he concedworld present opportunities in 434,000 gas customers in the US.

international markets while helping Midlands prepare for the opening up of the domestic electricity and gas markets in 1998. Cinergy is also a significant

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Midlands owns about 600MW of capacity in the UK through 25 per cent stakes in Teesside Power and Humber Power and is close to signing deals to build gas-fired stations in Turkey and Pakistan. Imkey and Pakistan. Mr Baker's deputy in charge Comment, page 19 of the Barings derivatives busi-

Norris barred for three years over Barings

JOHN EISENHAMMER

Peter Norris, the former chief executive of Barings, was yes-terday barred from holding any management position in the investment banking industry for at least three years. The Securities and Futures Authority, the City watchdog, found Mr Norris' part in the collapse of Britain's oldest merchant bank amounted to a serious failure of his managerial duties. He was also fined £10,000.

However, following negotiations over the terms of the disciplinary settlement, the SFA tepped back from declaring Mr Nortis, who is 41, to be not "fit and proper" to work in the secarities business. After the ban, he will be able to reapply for registration with the SFA.

Yesterday's was the first suc-cessful disciplining of one of the former senior Barings' executives who were in charge when the bank crashed under nearly £900m of unauthorised derivatives losses. Most of the other eight former executives who have been investigated are expected, however, to contest the

watchdog's disciplinary findings.
Ron Baker, who was the direct boss of Nick Leeson, the imprisoned rogne trader who carried out the disastrous speculation, yesterday presented the SFA with a detailed rebuttal of its charges. Declaring himself determined to clear his name of the unjust criticisms, Mr Baker has opted to take the matter to the SFA tribunal. It is understood that the punishment proposed by the SFA for Mr Baker is similar to that agreed with Mr Norris.

Peter Norris: A serious failure of duties

ness at the time of the crash, Mary Walz, is also believed to be contesting the SFA's findings before a tribunal. Five other former executives are facing penalties ranging from One- to three-year bans and fines of be-tween £5,000 and £10,000.

Ian Hopkins, the former head of group treasury and risk, has taken the unusual course of refusing to comply with the SFA's disciplinary process, Mr Hopkins has told the SFA he does not intend to submit'a defence to a tribunal on the grounds that it will be unable to reach a fair verdict.

Instead, Mr Hopkins has made a detailed submission to the Commons Treasury Select Committee, which will be holding hearings into the Barings collapse next Wednesday, However, Mr Hopkins is not among the four former Barings executives - Peter Baring, the chairman, Andrew Tuckey, the of the 233-year-old bank.

deputy chairman, Mr Norris, and Geoffrey Barnett, chief operating officer - who have been invited by the committee gaster

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to appear before it.

The SFA said Mr Norris admitted be "failed to act with duc." skill, care and diligence" regarding the massive positions run up by Barings in its dealings hetween the Singapore and Japanese exchanges. He also failed to deal "with sufficient promptness and firmness" with a key clue that could have unmasked Lecture that could have unmasked Lecture that the sufficient promptness and firmness. son's dealings, a £50m discrep-ancy uncovered by Barings' auditors in January 1995.

In determining the discipline for Mr Norris, the SFA said it had taken into account the fact that he had not previously been the subject of disciplinary action and had co-operated with the watchdog in its investigations.

In the detailed defence document handed yesterday to the SFA, Mr Baker's lawyers, Fox William, argued that he was being unjustly sanctioned for man-agement failures outside of his responsibility. It pointed out that Mr Baker was in charge of Barings' house derivatives business and not the agency trading Mr Leeson was involved in. It also argues that he only took formal responsibility for Leeson in January 1995, while the fraud trading had been going on since

Regarding the costs of his defence, Mr Baker said: "In myown mind I have written off £100,000 as a worst-case scenario, but it could even end up

In March, the SFA formally cleared the two most senior former Barings executives, Peter Baring and Andrew Tuckey, of responsibility for the collapse

Sky plans 200 digital channels

MATHEW HORSMAN

BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company, plans to launch 200 digital television channels from autumn of next year, using capacity on a soon-to-be-launched Astra digital satellite, the company's chief executive, Sam Chisholm, confirmed vesterday.

The service would be available to any home in the UK equipped with a digital decoder, which Sky hopes will be priced at ahout £200. Between 60 and 100 channels

will be used to broadcast films on "near demand", with start times staggeord so that viewers need not wait more than 15 minutes before the start of a chosen film. Mr Chisholm said the con-

tracts with Hollywood studios would mean sharing the revenues from pay-per-view. News of Sky's digital plans

came as the company unveiled record pre-tax profits ahead 71 per cent to £178m, on turnover of £736m, in the nine months to 31 March.

The excellent financial performance reflects the continued growth in our subscriber base,"

Mr Chisholm said. The new digital services would free up capacity on existing satellites, which could then he used to broadcast channels for continental Europe, Sky sources said.

BSkyB, 40 per cent owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, recently announced a joint venture with three continental media companies to launch new pay-TV services in Europe, starting in Germany.



Sam Chisholm: Plans for fitms on 'near demand'

BSkyB's shares rose 8p to 462p on the results, but settled back to 454p, flat on the day. Analysts said the figures were in line with expectations, and sounded a cautious note about future earnings potential.

"There are real concerns about the regulatory environment," said one leading analyst. The pay-TV market in the UK is currently the subject of an in-quiry by the Office of Fair Irading, following complaints by cable nperators over the terms under which Sky's satellite programming is supplied to them. They say Sky's nearmonupoly over programming, satellite capacity and subscription-management systems

makes the company the effec-tive "gatekeeper" in pay-TV. "If the OFT does not do something, then European competition authorities probably will," said another media analyst. Either way, the current trends are prohably not

The European Commission has also expressed concern about the company's dominant position in the pay-TV industry, and is believed to be studying the implications of BSkyB's

she said. When I realised that too Dieached une 17/0 con-

In the UK, the OFT inquiry

is "a very crucial issue as Sky po sition themselves for digital" Anthony de Larrinaga, analyst at Panmure Gordon, said. Sky sources discounted the

effects of any OFT intervention. They claim that the new digital platform would be open to other broadcasters, on a "fair and equitable basis".

But competitors are not convinced. There is a very real fear that Sky will dominate digital just as they have domi-nated analogue," said a source at a leading cable operator. Management at BSkyB said

the company's new digital programming services would allow it to continue to push up both subscription fees and the number of subscribers. Year-on-year, Sky has added 800,000 new subscribers, taking

the total to 5.35 million, or onein-five UK households. But the current analogue satellite ser-vice is faced with severe capac-ity restraints. "They need digital to allow them to add new programme services," Louise Bar-10n, analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, said.

BP forecourts suffer in petrol price war

PATRICK TOOHER

British Petroleum is losing money at the petrol pumps as a result of the forecourt price war between the oil big names and supermarkets.

"There are just too many petrol stations," said BP chief executive John Browne, yes-terday. He added that further restructuring was inevitable. In the first quarter of 1996, BP's UK refining and market-ing division lost £4m. BP blamed the shortfall in its downstream division on weaker mar-keting margins due to continuing competitive pres-sures, especially in the UK.

BP is the third-largest petrol supplier in the UK after Esso, which initiated the price-cutting campaign to win market share from the superstores, and Shell. Mr Browne said BP had raised its share of the UK petrol market by I percentage point during the period but rising crude oil prices had cut product gains. Attempts had re-cently been made to lift petrol prices, he added.

BP will have an estimated 16 per cent share of the UK market if the European Commission gives the go-ahead to a proposed merger of its Euro-pean fuels operations with Mo-hil. The European Commission

is expected to give the \$5bn deal the green light by mid-1996. The joint venture, first announced in February, is an attempt to tackle competition from Royal Dutch/Shell and Exxon, owners of Esso, while also providing a platform for growth in eastern Europe.

BP has denied the Mohil joint weature is motivated by the

petrol price war as Britian is just a small part of its operations. Never the less, the deal will accelerate the decline in UK petrol station outlets. They have fallen from almost 40,000 some 30 years ago to less than 17,000 at the end of last year. The Petrol Retailers' Asso-

ciation has warned that less than 10,000 stations could remain within two years if the the price cuts and consolidation trends in the industry continue. Investment Column, page 21

overhaul of **MMC** system PETER RODGERS

CBI proposes

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday proposed a radical overhaul of the Monopolics and Mergers Com-mission, which it said should be turned into a full-time appeals body with the loss of its present nvestigative role.

The CBI said all the invest-

gative work and the key decisions on mergers and mo-nopolies should be made by a strengthened Office of Fair Trading, to be renamed the Competition Authority. The MMC would become the Competition Commission, with High Court status, hearing appeals against the authority's decisions. Julian Armstrong, chairman of the CBI's competition panel and a lawyer with Esso, demed that the proposal was an implied criticism of the MMC's recent performance, which came under heavy fire in the

wake of a report last month on takeovers in the power industry. A majority of four of the MMC's part-time members recommended conditional clearance of bids by PowerGen and National Power for regional electricity companies, but the Government sided with a minority report by a single commissioner.

Mr Armstrong, whose re-port is being sent to the Labour Party as well as the Government, said the CBI's intention was to eliminate expensive duplication. Companies have to submit to investigations by the OFT, which can then be followed by a separate inquiry by

The CBI's plan is a response to a government consultation document on competition law,

comments on reform of the MMC or the OFT.

The CBI plan appears on the surface to run counter to Labour proposals for a merger of the OFT and the MMC into a single competition authority – al-though by reducing the MMC to an appeals body the employers have gone a long way towards meeting the Labour position. Adair Turner, the CBI's directorgeneral, has insisted that the employers remain neutral between



neutral stance

the parties and tackle issues The CBI said it opposed Labour's plan to make companies show that takeovers are positively in the public interest

before they can proceed. Instead of the present system, under which MMC inquiries into mergers and monopolics are conducted by panels of part-time members, the commission would be headed by the equivalent of a High Court judge, assisted by economic and industrial assessors.

Ministers powers to inter 1.1 vene would be much reduced, although they would have a right which did not, however, call for to override in merger cases.

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The Deputy Prime Minister would love to see the Post Office privatised and greater competition introduced into one of the few

remaining state-run monopolies. But realistically the chances must

be wafer-thin'

Heseltine eyes the last of the family silver Somewhere high up in the cloods above Westminster a large blue kite was to be observed yesterday bearing the dreaded words "Post Office privatisation". Surely this can't be back on the agenda barely a year

after Michael Heseltine was put in his box by a motley collection of shire Tories, fretful of what flogging off the Royal Mail would mean for rural postal services and appalled at the prospect of the Queen's head being replaced on our stamps by that of the President of the Board of Trade? Well, just maybe. If Railtrack can be sold

to the public, albeit at a giveaway price, then perhaps anything is privatisable. Moreover, the Conservatives are going to need some-thing to spice op their manifesto and dire straits sometimes demand desperate In any event, the idea of putting the Post Office back in the melting pot for privati-sation is not entirely new. John Major hint-ed at just such a possibility in his Sunday morning chat with Sir David Frost earlier this

Mr Heseltine has not got over being out-manoeuvred by his own backbeochers last May - a rare defeat which showed that his legendary political antermae are not always 100 per cent tuned in - and would love to see the Post Office privatised and greater competition introduced into one of the few remaining state-run monopolies. But realistically the chances must be wafer-thin and oot just because of the way the parliamenthe Government.

Something odd has also happened to the Post Office since privatisation was abandoned and replaced by a pledge that it would be given more commercial freedom within the public sector.

The Royal Mail - the profitable bit that had been slated for private ownership - has, if anything, been tied more closely to the purse strings of the public sector. Over the oext three years its contribution to public finances through its external financing limit will actually be £400m higher than previously

Meanwhile Post Office Counters (the part of the organisation that would have stayed in public ownership even though in reality most of the oetwork is run by private businessmen) has been given greater freedom. You can now do anything from buy-ing travel insurance to wiring cash from your local post office.

No doubt the idea of selling off one of the few remaining pieces of family silver is being aired once again to test backbench re-action. When they have calmed down from their righteous indignation, those 20 or so Tories who spiked Mr Heseltine's guns may care to reflect that another 193 rural post offices have disappeared off the map since

If they have any better ideas for getting the Conservative Party out of the electoral hole in which it finds itself, perhaps they can push up the price. Everybody has to deal

would like to pop them into plain manila | with us." (This is the family viewing version; | in to soap up Midlands Electricity. South-envelopes and send them off to the Deputy | all expletives deleted.) | cm is more than likely to go the same way. Prime Minister.

Questions to bring BSkyB back to earth

an BSkyB really be worth nearly £8bn? The quite astonishing growth of the satellite hroadcaster in the past few years must be galling to all those who laughed at little Sky Television back in 1989, or who believed that Rupert Murdoch had finally lost his touch. BSkvB is now the country's 25thlargest company by market capitalisation, and is worth several hundreds of millions of pounds more than Mr Murdoch's parent company, News Corporation. Among UK media companies, only Reuters is bigger. Granada Group, even after swallowing

Forte, is only worth £6.8bn. What does the stock market get for its £8bn? A state-of-the-art subscription management system aside, the only real assets are subscriber revenues. It buys most of its

programming and leases its satellite capacity. What a wheeze!
So can the company really be worth it? If you ask Sam Chisholm, the chief executive, you'll get the obvious answer: "Of course it's worth £8bn, my dear, and a whole lot more. This is a brilliant company with a brilliant future. Every time we add new channels, we

But is this a party that can last? There are very real regulatory risks ahead for Mr Chisholm and his managers, not least an in-quiry by the Office of Fair Trading into the company's dominant position in pay-TV. The OPT might refer the whole industry to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission, and then who knows what the outcome would be? One remedy could be separate accounting of Sky's programming from its subscription management system, to ensure fair arrangements for broadcasters wanting to buy Sky's

programming or to use its network. These issues will be even more pressing as Sky prepares to launch its digital satellite services. The steady, secure supply of fees from viewers for existing services has fuelled the company's incredible growth. Can that rhythm be maintained in the digital age? Will the regulators allow it? The market ignores such questions at its peril.

A takeover tangle in power policy

Poor lan Lang. The Trade Secretary's of-ficials must have warned him when he blocked the two power generating bids for regional electricity companies that his de-cision might create more problems that it solved. So it has proved. With PowerGen declared offside, the Americans have nipped | ing to fight tooth and nail to preserve them.

ern is more than likely to go the same way. Mr Lang has already performed so many somersaults on mergers policy for the elec-tricity industry that it is possible he will go one further and stop the Americans hidding too. Certainly such action would be perfectly consisteot with last week's "clarification" of chairman Lang's thoughts on who is allowed to take over whom, which was about as clear as mud. His problem is, however, that he has already cleared a number of American bids for other regional electricity companies. A mere trifle perhaps, but even Mr Lang has

to show some consistency in approach. So we are now in the crazy position of it heing perfectly all right for Americans to take over regional electricity companies, appar-ently all right for Scottish generators to do so, fine for Eastern if it is owned by Hanson to take on generating capacity, but wrong for English generators to own distribution companies and wrong for distributors to own generators. Even for those of us who think we understand the Government's plans for the electricity market, this seemingly arbi-

trary approach is plainly a nonsense. li is also hard to see how preserving the present rigid divisions of ownership and orcanisation in the industry, which is essentially what all this decision-making adds up to, is going to benefit either competition or the consumer. The Americans are paying top dollar for these monopolies and they are go-

.ADT alarms ring after US accounting rule changes

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A US accounting change has \$2.94. plunged burglar alarms group ADT deep into the red in the first three months of the year. The Bermuda-registered group, which is being reshaped under long-standing chairman and chief executive Michael Ashcroft, yesterday reported a pretax loss of \$371m (£245m) for the first quarter, compared with profits of \$36.4m last time. The shares fell 15p to £11.08p in London after the news despite, sectors and its new authorised the announcement that the board had approved the pur-Thase of 5 million of the company's own shares.



Michael Ashcroft: In the process of reshaping ADT

Following the introduction of more stringent accounting rules in the US, where ADT is hased. the group has been forced to take a \$410m charge, most of which relates to goodwill associated with its electronic security business. Of the total, \$205m has fallen in this area of \$395m has fallen in this area of the business, with the US bearing the brunt. ADT said without the charge it would have

reported earnings per share of 23 cents, instead of a loss of

Adding back the one-off charge, oet profits after tax rose 14 per cent to \$31m ou sales cut from \$373m to \$354m. mostly due to the absence of ADT's European vehicle-auction business, the old British Car

Mr Ashcroft said new channels of distribution, through strategic alliances in the retail, financial services and real estate dealer programme, meant ADT "is well positioned to achieve growth in market share and to increase customer density in

chosen markets". He added: "The reorganisation of the electronic security services business in North America along business lines is proceeding well and we are optimistic that the benefits of this reorganisation will start to come through towards the end of 1996 and beyond."
The US market for resideo-

tial security systems remains "very competitive", with mass marketing initiatives across the industry keeping prices

But the UK provided a bright spot, with the group seeing "significant" growth in closed-circuit television business, inchuding a \$3.5m contract won in the first quarter from Railtrack for systems to be installed on 72 railway platforms.

The remaining vehicle auction business in the US was hit by last winter's extreme weather, with profits broadly flat at \$11.6m in the quarter. ADT said snow removal alone cost \$500,000 and a number of days

IN BRIEF

 House of Fraser's three executive directors each enjoyed significant pay increases last year though the department store group's profits halved to £14m and the share price continoed to underpronts narved to £14m and the snare price continued to under-perform. Andrew Jennings, the former managing director who was ousted earlier this year, saw his pay increase from £267,000 to £302,600 last year. His pay included benefits of £48,437 for the use of a company car, mobile phone and accommodation in central Londoo for his wife and family. Mr Jennings' severance

pay was not disclosed in the company's annual report.

Richard Scott, finance director, and Tony Hancock, operations director, also received pay increases of between 5 and 10 per cent. Chairman Brian McGowan's pay was static at £150,000.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's of London, received a total remuneration package of £468,000 last year. His basic salary of £450,000 was unchanged from 1994, but his benefits were down to £18,000 from £30,000. Hopes of a settlement at Lloyd's were boosted yesterday by victory for the society in the Clementson case. It enables Lloyd's to collect some £700m owed by names for claims paid on their behalf out of the society's central fund. Names had sought to block the retrieval of assets by arguing that the opera-tion of the central fund was contrary to EU competition law.

• Job cuts planned by US corporations are running at double their 1995 level, according to a new employment survey. Big companies announced 30,810 redundancies last month, up from 15,678 in the same month last year. During the first four months of the year, announced cuts totalled 199,505, up 75.9 per cent on the same period in 1995.

• German manufacturing orders climbed by 1.2 per cent in March, almost reversing February's weather-eraggerated decline. The level of orders remained 4.3 per cent lower than a year earlier, although the trend is not as weak as it was at the end of 1995.

The Spanish and Swedish central banks cut interest rates in separate bids to revive their flagging economies. Sweden cut its main money market rate for the tenth time this year, to 6.70 per cept Spring and Spring a coot. Spain reduced its bank lending rate by a quarter point to 7.5 per cent. Economists expect further reductions in rates by the Bundeshall and a specific further reductions. Bundesbank and Banque de France.

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market fidgeted uneasily about

its inability to score from the

current outbreak of takeover

In often busy trading, Lucas

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closing level. Gilts Index 91.89 +0.02 US group, Varity, created the excitement. Although the signs SHARE SPOTLIGHT from the two were that some share price, Denice

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form of trading pact was being considered, the market took the view the talks signalled an attempt by Lucas to flush out any potential bidder. It is seen as vulnerable following the pending departure nf George Simpson, who steps down as chief executive in the

autumn to move to the GEC

Lucas Industries, the vehicle components group, drove for-ward as the rest of the stock brake divisions. But there must be a possibility that they could be stretched further and result in a full merger. Varity is too small to buy Lucas and the £1.5bn the UK group would have to find for the Americans could stretch its resources, although the sale of its aerospace division could motored 34.5p, ending 25.5p higher at 233.5p, the best ever

help bridge the gap. The Varity talks are being The proposed link with the read as indicating that Lucas is now in play and it realises it lacks the necessary clout to be a major player in the world league. So a strategic alliance, possibly a full merger, looks

> The US talks presumably mean that Lucas has given up nn nne its possible moves, its bid to buy a 30 per cent interest in Valeo, the French car components group. The stake has been put on the market by former Italian PM Carlo de



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ance merger was followed by the expected US bid for Miding out the possibility of taking full control. lands Electricity and on a much smaller level Stanley The car components group's display was in sharp contrast to Leisure, the bookie, said it was most of the market, with the talking to quoted rival Gus FT-SE 100 index off 28.6 points Carter. to 3,723, although the sup-Midlands gained 10p to porting FT-SE 250 index man-433p on what is a generous bid; PowerGen, sitting on 21 per cent of Midlands but prevent-

aged to return to winning ways with a 10.2 gain to 4,525.5. Although many followers believe there is a good chance of an interest rate cut this month the continuing political uncertainty and another New York downturn inhibited

The market has certainly experienced the takeover action

Middle Eastern ramifications prompted questions to be asked about the beneficial The possibility that the remaining regionals will be picked off lifted them a few

The 11.5 per cent interest came from Hanson but its

Manchester Utd greeted its Premiership triumph with a churlish 17p fall to 356p; Millwall's relegation left the shares

0.5p off at 2p. The shares were

once more than 20p. Harry Ramsden's, the fish and chip restaurant chain, continued its beady progress, climbing 53p to a 437p peak. The shares have risen 111p in a week. Whithread, year's figures today, Rank Organisation traded with a 32.8 million and First Leisure are the leading names in the bid frame.

British Petroleum was unmspired by the strong oil price and encouraging results, falling 13p to 569p, and British Bor-

neo, after a strong run, succumbed to profit taking, off 1Sp at 555p.

Ahead of a crucial presen

tation, British Biotech topped £30, reaching 3,025p with a 77p gain. Chiroscience, with an £11.6m loss, and a £40.3m rights issue, gained 45p to

Steel Burrill Jones, the insurance broker, edged forward 2p to 47p as rumours surfaced that one of the bigger names in the industry would take advantage of the depressed price and mount a bid. The shares were 112p last

Strategem, the mini conglumerate, stumped 36p to 127p on disappointing profits and Hay & Robertson added 4p tn 54p following its rugby

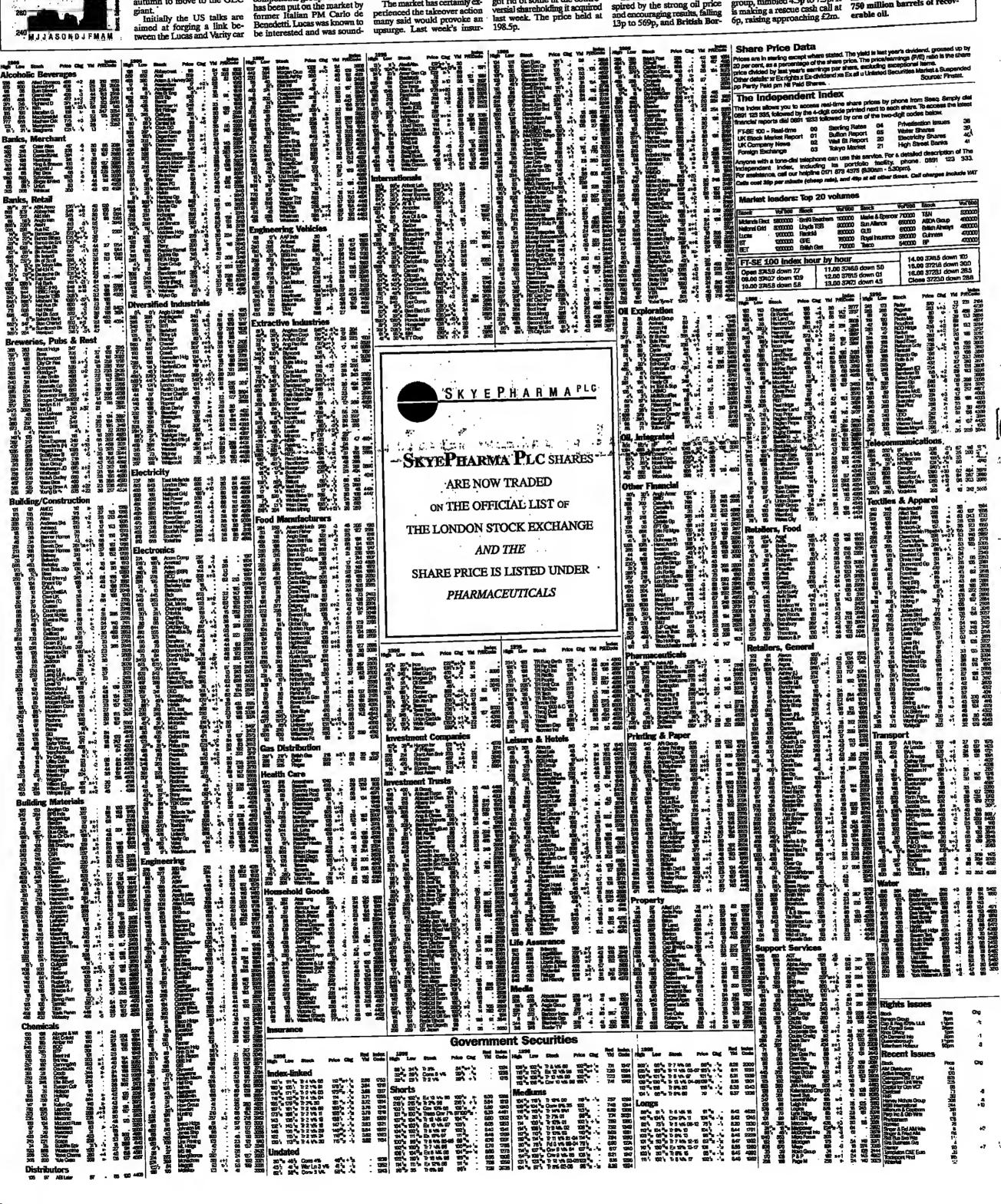
group, tumbled 4.5p to 7.5p. It is making a rescue cash call at

Clifton Financial Associates, run by Stephen Barciay, is bringing its sixth company to market - Premiere Group, which is raising £2.7m through the issue of shares at 133p. Dealings start on Monday. The company, with 19 employment agencies, was born out of Burns-Anderson, the services group once head-ed by famed trouble shooter Sir John Harvey-Jones. BA went into receivership and Robert Durston and Dorian Marks, Premiere's managing

Pan Andean, the Bolivian wonder share, fell 8p to 88p. An independent report on its oil developments by an industry researcher is thought to suggest that the part of the Charpare block so far examined could suggest a yield of 750 million barrels of recov-

directors, acquired 15 of its

recruitment branches.



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bad and fading memory; BP is back as

Britain's biggest company, and Sir

David Simon, the architect of the dra-

industrialist, according to a recent poll of fellow business leaders.

The view that BP seems in be push-

by yesterday's first-quarter profits of

Exploration and production, the

main income stream, saw operating

profits rise 36 per cent to £737m but

it would be too easy to put this down just to a rise in the oil price from \$16.72

a barrel to \$18.50 during the period.

offset falling chemicals margins. Rather, it reckons the \$160m under-

lying improvement came entirely from what it calls self-belp. Half of this was

due to higher volumes, due to the un-usually cold winter in Europe.

The rest came in reduced costs,

which, all other things being equal, should flow straight to the bottom line,

pushing full-year profits to £2.3bn or

above, implying a p/e ratio of about 14.

profits almost halved to £128m as ris-ing feedstock prices hit margins, BP ap-

pears to be doing better than most of

the other oil majors. The ontlook

here is encouraging, with demand showing no sign of tapering off and only

limited capacity coming on-stream.

Elsewhere, the UK petrol forecourt

price war took its toll on the market-

ing side, but better refining margins im-proved the division's overall profit

contribution from £43m to £156m.

The right sort of records are also be-

ing broken on the balance sheet. Net debt of \$7.1bn, for example, is just 27 per cent of equity – the lowest since 1987. All this, and promises to pay out

50 per cent of underlying earnings to

sharebolders in the medium term,

suggests that the shares are set to con-

The big cloud is the prospect of

sharply lower oil prices if Iraq is allowed

to re-enter the world market. Talks are

continuing between the United Nations and Baghdad about lifting sanctions,

but Sir David thinks a resolution is no

more likely this time around and he is

factoring in an oil price of \$16-\$18 a

He's probably right - it is hard to see

barrel for the rest of the year.

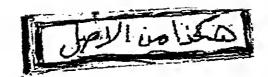
tinue their recent strong run.

Even on the chemicals side, where

BP says the higher oil price merely

the tax charge.

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BP pumps up its performance THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

or risks, as it relies on established drugs.
Its existing business has managed to
nearly triple sales to £4.96m last year, barrassment of having to halve the dividend in 1992 is oow no more than a

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matic turnaround, is the country's top til there is a change in the Iraqi lead-ership. All of which indicates that the shares, which encountered some profit-taking yesterday, down 13p to 569p, ing all the right buttons was borne out look pretty good value.

f629m (£464m). They broke all records—apart from a freak first three months in 1986 when crude oil prices crashed Chiroscience is and huge stock losses sharply reduced still overvalued

The City's ability to suspend disbelief can be a wonder to be bold. Promoters with hard-to-verify claims have parted investors from their money for centuries, but the rise and rise of the biotechnology sector bas been im-

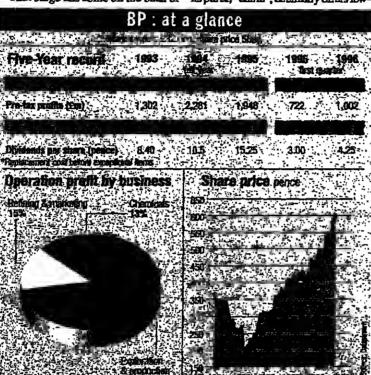
pressive even by past standards.

Chiroscience is a case in point. Floated at 150p just over two years ago, the shares only broke through their issue price last year, boosted by prospects for its Levobupivacaine anaesthetic following a link-up with Swedish drugs group Pharmacia. For most of this year the shares drifted but since the end of

the results of pre-clinical trials showing that Chiroscience's matrix metallo-proteinase inhibitor against cancer had produced better results at this stage of its development than Marimastat, a more advanced rival being developed by British Biotech. Hopes for Marimastat have given British Biotech a mar-ket capitalisation sufficient to put it on the verge of the FT-SE 100 index. No doubt Chiroscience's success

with an MMP-related drug is coincidental, but it has clearly had a wonderful effect on the share price, which has come in handy given that the compa-ny is now going it alone without Pharmacia and yesterday announced a placing to raise a net £40.3m. Shareholders are being offered one new share for every seven held at 410p to pay for a pilot-scale drug production facility be-ing sold by E Merck for £5.5m and to garner funds for Chiroscience's development needs for the next few years.

The ball case is that the company's Dexketoprofen pain killer could be launched in Spain soon, making it one April, in a week, they effectively dou-bled to 500p after rising 45p yesterday. That surge has come on the back of its purer, "chiral", chemistry offers low-



even if pre-tax losses deepened from £9.23m to £11.6m. But its really new compounds remain around five years from the market and its near-term prospects are likely to be subject to generic competition.

At £413m at the placing price, Chiroscience remains overvalued.

Gus Carter offer is the best bet

The rumoured offer from Stanley Leisure for Gus Carter is probably the hest end to an unsatisfactory year on the stock market for the North-eastbased bookie. For a company that makes a living reading future proba-hilities, Carter got the impact of the national lottery on its business spectscularly wrong and without the prospect of a bid shareholders would be looking at a sizeable loss.

Announcing a sharp fall in profits within months of coming to the market a year ago was an embarrassment for both the company and its adviser, Wise Speke, and it was no surprise that the shares sank from their 80p placing price to a low of 49p last November. Bid rumours pushed them up to 78p by the weekend and yesterday's confirmation that the two companies were talking about a price slightly above that put another 6p on the price for an 84p close,

5 per cent above the flotation level.

A takeover of Carter's 72 betting shops by Stanley, which itself runs 400, is the just the latest merger in a continuing consolidation of a hard-pressed industry. With Sunday betting pushing up the costs of running bookies with-out any appreciable uplift in revenues, it is not likely to be the last. Only the strongest can withstand the onslaught of the lottery, which has radically al-tered the discretionary spending patterns that determine the profitability of gambling businesses.

The Trewhitt family that still owns

majority of the shares, even after cashing in £2m worth at last year's flotation, will do well enough out of the £13m acquisition not to worry about the £500,000 they wasted on the costs of coming to the market. But plainly a trade sale would have made more sense in the first place and shareholders who bought the leisure industry hype 12 months ago will count themselves lucky to have secured a no-loss exit. Not all stock market mistakes have such a happy ending.

Second labour day looms large for capitalist pig

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Cedric the Pig, star of the British Gas annual general meeting a year ago, again took pride of place on Monday at the Labour Day celebrations on London's Clapham Common. The pig was named after British Gas's then chief executive, Cedric Brown, by trades unionists at the GMB to satirise Mr Brown's generous pay merease.

What Monday's gathering of locals, new age travellers and Billy Bragg fans may not have realised is that Cedric the pig is a sow, and a heavily pregnant one to boot. This explains the porker's non-ap-pearance at last week's British Gas agm. We trust the piglets will be named after the board.

It's a hard life being a rebel. Just ask Prem Sikka, the conproversial professor of accounting at Essex University, who has come third-from-bottom in an election in which there were no fewer than 19 candidates in the running And this isn't the first time Mr Sikka has run. The results of the election

of the council for the Char-tered Association of Certified Accountants have been greeted with giec by the beancounting establishment, however. The ACCA's president, Mike Harvey, comment-ed yesterday: "Neither of the 'Reform Group' candidates achieved sufficient support to gain a seat on the council (Mr Sikka being one of them). The results are a ringing vote of confidence in council and a

If you hurry, you may just be able to get your CV in for the job of director of corporate communications at SBC War-burg. Jens Tholstrup, plucked from SBC's corporate finance department 12 months ago to head up the newly merged bank's public affairs office, is returning as planned to his previous role, where he will be specialising in financial institutions. The bank says that it will announce his successor

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This little piggy went to Clapham: Cedric the Sow

decision". The winning applicant will get lots of money and plenty to do, what with continuing de-

Time was when Cotton Oxford was the label you saw inside par-

ticularly hairy rugby shorts, the long ones with buttons down the front and yarn round the middle, as worn by the late Eric

Morecambe. With the current wall of money enguling rugby and all traces of amateurism being tossed to the wind, the Cotton Oxford name is not surprisingly in the front line. Yesterday Hay and Robertson, a clothing company, reached agreement with Peaco Sport for the exclusive rights to the brand name

throughout the UK and Europe. Elmer Jonathan Cotton found

ed the business in 1911 and the company formed strong links

with Oxford University. Today the company is a big sponsor of club rugby with links with the likes of Bath, Leicester and the

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Barbarians, But the hairy shorts have gone, forever.

when it has made a final

Speaking of spokespeople, Duncan Campbell-Smith is

porate PR and investor relations at Pearson in order to attend a month-long MBA course at London Business School, Mr Campbell-Smith will then take up a new post within Pearson - as spokesman its Penguin subsidiary. Taking what appears to be a step down becomes sider that he will no longer have to answer questions which Pearson expects could

Martin is famous for and you would probably draw a blank. Ask them whether they would like a Glenmorangie and they would know exactly what you are talking about. Thus the Scottish drinks company Macdonald Martin Distillers decided to change its name yesterday to its favourite brand, and will henceforth be known as Glenmorangie Plc.

Morton accuses banks over leaks

PETER RODGERS

Eurotunnel and its bankers were in another row yesterday, this time over alleged leaks in Paris of proposals for restructuring £8.1bn of debt.

holders prepared for a campaign meeting in Calais today to rally support against the banks, Sir Alastair Morton said in a statement to the Stock Excriticisms of bank leaks made by

IN BRIEF

the Paris Bourse and the Lou-

ever, is not thought to be investigating the briefings of the press by banks in Paris, because there was little price movement in Eurotunnel shares. The company still awaits details of the bank proposals, which are

chaired by Christian Cambier,

Like other small-shareholder

"The tunnel belongs to us, and it needs our agreement to take

is to prove that the banks were

resenting Adacte, claims the banks set up the project, fixed managers in fact and in law and at the same time are the main creditors. He claims they are

acting as the French equivalent of shadow directors - a practice known as "gestion de fait". He has also threatened the

banks with an action for fraudulent bankruptcy if Eurotunnel does fold, oo the grounds that they continued to push ahead with the project to earn interest and commission when it was obviously in financial ruin.

The weapon in the banks' bands is that they have a contractual right to take over the tunnel - called a right of substitution - if there is no prospect of their debt being serviced.

This would leave Eurotunnel, as a company, with no rights over the tunnel until the banks have been repaid - probably many decades away, if ever.

Goldsmiths withdraws one offer for Signet

NIGEL COPE

1995. Jon Dickens, research and development director, is showing a paper profit of £836,000 on 224,069 options given at the same price, taking his total to 464,069, while the surplus for Andrew Richards, director of pharmaceutical business develop-Goldsmiths, the jewellery chain, has withdrawn one of its two bids for the UK jewellery businesses of Signet, the former Ratners group. It is understood that the company decided to with-draw its offer, which was being backed by Schroder Ventures. on Friday evening. As a management buy-ont

has also been ruled out, the decision leaves the other Goldsmiths bid as the only known candidate left in the bid battle. Under the remaining Goldsmiths bid, venture capital

group Apax & Partners is offering £250m-£280m for the H Samuel and Ernest Jones chains. Apax would also acquire Goldsmiths, taking the group private. If the offer was suocessful, Goldsmiths' chief executive, Jurek Piasecki, would be placed in charge of the enlarged group.
Signet declined to comment

on the list of bidders yesterday or a possible timescale. However, it is understood that a final decision will not be taken for another two to three weeks. Although the Apax-led deal is the only definite candidate, it

is possible that another hidder could have entered the fray, either from another sector or from outside the UK. The list of possible bidders est if he was also preparing his has thinned out quickly over recent weeks. Argos, the catalogue retailer, made an offer that

was considered to be too low. Nathan Light, the former head



Tobacco Dock factory outlet of Sterling, Signet's US business, shopping centre near London's is not no the list. A UK man-Tower Bridge. agement buy-out led by Although the bid list now Lawrence Cooklin can now seems to have been whittled also be discounted. Mr Cook-

down to a shortlist of one, it is lin, the former Burton finance possible that Signet will choose director who now runs Signet's not to sell H Samuel and Ernest UK's businesses, has been con-Jones. Signet's chairman, Jim ducting the presentations to McAdam, has stuck to his resthe bidders. This would have olution that the two chains are aused a clear conflict of interonly for sale "at the right place". Although trading bas im-

own offer for the stores. proved, the company is still Gerald Ramer was also inunder pressure to sell the busitersted in buying the stores nesses as it desperately needs back but bas not been success-ful and is concentrating on his the cash.

Vodafone now has stakes in

mobile phone businesses in 14 overseas countries. These range in importance from a 95 per cent bolding in Vodasone PTY in Australia to less than 4 per cent in Denmark's second operator, Sonofon. It has now achieved its aim of

balancing its UK business with to be substantial demand for the

sign that common sense is fighting back." Next time luck-ier, Mr Sikka? fections from the old Warburg corporate finance department.

stepping aside as head of cormore attractive when you conabout Mindscape, the venture lose up to £46m this year.

Ask the average person in a crowded bar what Macdonald

Vodafone raises French holding

TOM STEVENSON

Vodafone raised its stake in France's second mobile phone network yesterday, increasing its bolding in SFR, a rival to France Telecom, from 10 to 16.5 per cent at a cost of Fr2.3bn (£297m).

Analysts said the exercise of part of an option to raise Voda-ione's holding to 20 per cent by the end of next year was no surprise. But the price of the deal was welcomed for the potential knock-on effect it would have on Vodafone's own valuation and that of rival Celinet.

According to one commonly used measure, which compares the value of a mobile phone company with the number of its subscribers and their relative wealth, SFR is valued by acquisition more highly than Vodafone itself. One analyst said it created a new valuation benchmark. Gerald Whent, chief execu-

tive, said. "Our strategy is to increase our overseas sbareholdings wherever possible. The opportunity to acquire additional equity in SFR is extremely important as the French market has great potential for further development." SFR runs one of the two mo-

bile telephone networks in operation in France, with France Telecom running the other. Bouygues SA, which was awarded the third mobile phone licence, is expected to launch its service before the end of the

an equally sized business overseas to provide growth outside the increasingly competitive market in the UK. The success of Orange in attracting subscribers to the all-important digital market has put pressure on pricing for all four UK operators. Mobile telephony has not been the success in France that it has so far in the UK, Italy and Germany, but there is thought



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dish.

the oil embargo being lifted this side of the US presidential election or un-

As militant French sharechange that he agreed with his French co-chairman, Patrick

Sir Alastair said: "I concur with his comments, including his reference to the concern likely to be felt at such behaviour by

increased from 1.5p to 2.25p.

will be sold separately.

raise another £12.7m.

don Stock Exchange." The Stock Exchange, how-

due by Friday. Sir Alastair made clear the

company expected sacrifices from the banks, saying the two sides would "only make progress when the banks come to the table to negotiate a mutually acceptable resolution of a shared problem.

The Calais meeting is by at the instigation of the Association Pour l'Action Eurotunnel,

• Chiroscience, the fledgling biotechnology stock, bas issued options to three directors valued at £2.44m during the past year.

John Padfield, chief executive, now sits on a potential profit just short of £4.6m from options following a near fourfold rise in the

shares to 500p since the latest issue was made at 127p in May

ment, is worth £340,000 for his additional 91,286 options, which

make a total of 653,636. The news came as the shares soared another 45p yesterday, despite a placing to raise £40.3m. The com-

pany said it would bave eight drugs in clinical trials by the end

Maid, the on-line computer business information supplier, has signed a deal with the hotel group Forte to provide its 355

hotels with on-line business services. The deaf includes indi-

vidual in-room access to the Internet, which is expected to be

provided through the television sets in the group's 50,000 bo-

• Gieves Group, the retailer which recently acquired the Knicker-

box underwear group, increased profits from £1.66m to £2.74m

last year. Though sales at the core Gieves & Hawkes division were

up in the current year, costs had also increased. Better news is

forecast for the overseas division, with volumes and margins pre-

dicted to improve in the wholesaling business. The dividend was

CRH, the Irisb building materials company, has acquired four US businesses for a total of Ir£18.6m. Ritangela Construction, Brooks Products, Foster Masonry and Southeastern Manufacturing, achieved combined trading profits of Ir£2.8m last year on sales of Ir£2.7m.

• Rubicon Group has sold its aluminium alloys division to man-

agement for £7.4m. The business, which makes secondary alu-

minium in the UK and France, was acquired with Calder Group.

The sale includes the investment in EMP Technologies, which

makes electromagnetic pumps for liquid aluminium and other metals. The division had sales of £23.7m and operating profits of £155 cm.

of £155,000 in the six months to November. Assets valued at £1.4m

Dragon Oil, an Irish oil company, is acquiring a 60 per cent

stake in Larmag Energy Assets, which operates an oil and gas block in the Caspian Sea, off Turkmenistan. The group is converting \$19.2m of loans made to LEA and is raising £37.5m in a placing of shows an all controls.

placing of shares at 1.5p with Satellite Overseas, a company owned by Aritin Panigoro, an Indonesian businessman. There is a separate two-for-five open offer to existing shareholders at 1.5p to raise another.

who is organising today's special train from Paris to the tunnel's Calais terminal to publicise his call for the banks to write off 30 per cent of the debt.

representatives in France, including the separate Association de Defense des Actionnaires d'Eurotunnel (Adacte), Mr Cambier's organisation bas been mounting a virulent campaign against the banks which has no parallel in the UK.

The campaign has bad wide-spread backing in the French press and its leaders now claim Mr Pousolle as a convert to the cause. Two-thirds of Eurotunnel's shareholders are French. Mr Cambier said recently:

it away from us. We have put in Fr23bn (£2.96bn), Fr19bn has been lifted off us, and we have Fr4bn left. The theme of the campaign

in control of the project from the beginning, that they persuaded sharebolders to pour in money and they bave a responsibility for the damage done by Eurotunnel's financial failure George Berlioz, a lawyer rep-

Nash House built up by High Baroque style

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Chester

Derby clues apicot; -merged at the Roodeye yesterday, not from the oval that is Britain's oldest racecourse but rather the similar shape that is Peter Chapple-Hyam's mouth.

After a Pete and dud show in the first when the trainer's odds-on Carmioe Lake was a miserable disappointment, the Mantoo handler captured both eveots that were billed as Blue Riband trials before revealing that his serious Epsom aspirants were back home with the

Legal Right woo a Grosvenor Maiden Stakes that had several Derby entrants among the assembly, but as the winner is oot considered to be of Epsom calibre it may be safe to ignore those that trod in his hoofprints.

High Baroque took the main event, the Chester Vase, despite negotiating the tight turns with the smoothness of a combine harvester. His chances of winning the Derby are limited however, as he is not entered for the race. All five that finished Among the vanquished was

Air Quest, a full-brother to the 1990 Derby winner, Quest For Fame. The favourite resembled his sibling in the parade ring, albeit following a course of slimming powders, but after finishing last but one he appeared no more than a shadow. High Baroque is the joint property of Robert Sangster and Michael Tabor, who are not

tucky Derby 12 months ago with Thuoder Gulch and several tidy victories within these These connections, it appears, do not confer special privileges on High Baroque. On his return, Chapple-Hyam loudly slapped the colt down the oeck and greeted him with the tender words: "You're lazier than

decades, while Tabor, who has made something of a comeback

since being a warned-off book-

maker in the 1970s, is the new face of successful ownership of the 90s. From a hase in Moote

Carlo he monitors worldwide in-

terests that brought him a Ken-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Blaze Away (Chester 3.40) **NB: Total Aloof** (Chester 4.10)

me you bastard." The King Ed-

ward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot

Chapple-Hyam admires High Baroque's teoacity, but on a point of naked quality he has others in his mind. Heron Island contests the Lingfield Derby Trial oo Saturday in a programme that is likely to include the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby). while Astor Place is also further up the pecking order and is expected to prove his mettle against Dushyantor in the Glasgow Stakes at York oext week. I've believed in Astor Place from the moment he came into the yard," the trainer said. "I've always loved the horse."

Astor Place, it was reported. worked better yesterday morn-

High Baroque wins yesterday's Derby trial, the Chester Vase, from St Mawes, Prince Of My Heart and Sasuru

and High Baroque are more gal-lopers who haveo't got that ponents in the Dante Stakes a

Hyam's faith in the Newbury maiden winner. "Nash House is the boy," he said. "He is the one oear the top of many people's ing than Nash House, although at home that's got the real class list of great losers. Sangster's this isolated gallop has dooe deeds in racing spread back two oothing to dilute Chappleat home that's got the real class

as Spectrum so we're not sure if he'll get the trip, but the way electrifying turn of foot. Nash he works at home convinces me House can go whoosh but the that he will.

the Knavesmire, where his op- posing their sick notes.

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week today will include Henry Cecil's Storm Trooper. York is becoming increasingly unmiss Nash House will also be on able. Punters should start com-

THE DERBY (Epsom, 8 June); Const. 6-1 Even Top, 7-1 Mark Of Essoem & Nash House, 6-2 Albastri, 10-1 Dustyertor; Ludbroken: 4-1 Merk Of Esteem, 6-1 Even Top, 7-1 Albastri & Nash House, 8-1 Dustyertor; Williams Pitt. 5-2 Even Top, Mark Of Esteem & Nash House, 6-1 Albastri & Dushyantor, 16-1 Micks Love.

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burn off crowd in Cup

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GREG WOOD

Just 12 months ago, it was a fact every hit as solidly founded as the viaduct at the far end of the course that Chester Cup day was the most popular at the track all year. That was before 35,000 people crammed inside its tight boundary in last year's most spectacular demonstration of the racegoing public's appetite for Sunday racing.

The memory of the Chester infield with not a square inch unoccupied by punters or vehicles resurfaced vesterday, but only in reaction to the latest evidence that while people are happy to visit a racecourse on Sunday, even those who are deathly pale after spending the other six days of the week in the artificial light of a betting shop would rather spend the seventh elsewhere. Following the meetings at Newmarket and Salisbury three days ago - which were both well attended considering the sporting alternatives on offer - the major firms re-ported that their outlets were all but puoter-less. Whether the will contine to opeo some - or indeed any - shops on future Sundays must now be in doubt.

The gate will fall a little short of 35,000 at Chester today, but given that Cup day is an impossible crush anyway, few race-goers will complain. The stalls will be full too for the main event, which has attracted a maximum field of 18, and the fight for service at the bar will be as nothing to the scrum around the first few bends.

Today's 18-furlong trip offers many runners their only chance of n big pay-day, so plenty have been prepared with this race in mind. Trainglot, a Cesarewitch wimer, has not raced on the level this year, but was a winner at the Cheltenham Festival and money with access to Jimmy FitzGerald's yard has promot-

ed him to the top of the market, His most recent Flat form what there is of it - is hardly encouraging and since the next two in the market, Merit and Fujiyama Crest, are there on potential rather than achievement. the value lies elsewhere, BLAZE AWAY (nap 3.40) was beaten less than five leogths in last year's Cesarewitch off a marty, 11b higher than today's, goes well on a sound surface and demonstrated his well-being over hurdles at Ascot eight days ago. The 9-1 available this morning must be taken, while Smilin N Wishin (oext best 3.10) and Angaar

HYPERION'S TV TIPS

(4.10) also deserve support.

CHESTER

2.40: The newcomer Rayen Mas ter, from the yard that won this have to be speedy to cope with ing stages at Sandown on his de-but, this beadstrong type should find this sharp track ideal.

3.10: SOLAR CRYSTAL, the May Hill Stakes winner, gives 5lb to her rivals but is a class above these and should relish the Irip.

2.20 d line:

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3.40: Invariably a rough-and turn ble race but if BLAZE AWAY can keep clear of trouble he must go close. This five-year-old was in great shape when scoring over hurdles at Ascot last week.

4.10: WILDWOOD FLOWER proved he gets this trip when second at Newmarket in April, while Auguar's form is at five furlongs.

UTTOXETER HYPERION
6.10 A Windy Citizen 6.40 Freddle Fox
7.10 Lucky Christopher 7.40 Grecian
Lark 8.10 Young Brave 8.40 Rolling Rail WETHERBY

6.00 Danes King 8.30 Political Tower 7.00 Ericy 7.30 Earlymorning Light 8.00 Respent Rock 8.30 Tweedswood



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Sangster piles on the praise for Chester's carpet

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While Chester's going was and look at the ground. It is supraised by Rohert Sangster, perh, like a carpet," Sangster the part owner of High Baroque said. "I'm running 16 in the was scathing about ground conditions at Newmarket,

clerk] should come to Chester horses up at the Craven meet-

CHESTER

2.10 Bellator

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2.40 Vasari

is scathing about ground con-tions at Newmarket.

North and had oothing at New-market and the ground is the main reason. We jarred a lot of

HYPERION

DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low numbers best.

II Leit-hand, tight, circular course, Not saluble for long-striding horses.

III Course is near center of city on A549. Chester General station [m. ADMISSION: County Enclosure \$20 (sold out); Tantersalio \$10; Dee Stand \$4; Course \$2. GAE PARE: \$1.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Scoute — 18 winners from 64 runners gives a success ratio of 28.1% and a profit to a \$1 kevel stake of 59.09; R Hamson — 14 winners, 64 runners, 21.9%, -58.32; J Gooden — 13 winners, 46 runners, 28.3%, +58.73; B HBIs — 13 winners, 80 runners, 21.7%, +518.67.

ELEADING JOCKEYS: Par Eddery — 18 winners, 50 rides, 27.1%, -55.89; W R Swinners, -14 winners, 54 rides, 25.9%, +518.66. D Holland — 12 winners, 50 rides, 20.3%, +s20.44; J Carroll — 12 winners, 97 rides, 12.4%, -548.38.

BLINKERED FUSST TIME: Taroudant (3.40); Marjorte Bose (4.40). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Golden Touch (4.10) was at Newmericet on Fridey, LONG-DISTANCS EDINNERS: Danaydra (3.40) sent 220 miles by Lay Herries from Augmering Park, W Susser: Opera Rolf (4.40) sent 206 miles by Miss O Kelleway from Whitcombe, Dorsett Ashanti Dancer (4.40) sent 202 miles by Misson Epoom, Survey.

2.10 CHESHIRE REGIMENT HANDICAP (CLASS C) £12,000 added 370 1m 4f 66yds Penalty Value £8,968

BETTIME: 9-2 Benatom, 11-2 Three HBs, 5-1 Backgrop, Overrailed, 7-1 Misky Bay, 6-1 Deadline Time, 22-1 AT's Albib, Belliator, 14-2 Pleasent Surphs, 16-1 others
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Pienty in with a shout here, and Misky Bay will be a populiar choice after showing up well in molders — the latest when a staying-on third to Luca Cumant's Freequent at Beverley. This is a tough roce, but Misky Bay is bred for the trip and could have been let in lightly. Benatom is bound to make it a true test, as he has done at Portefacts (second to Warbrook) and at Thirsh (held on from the demoted Clesherwell) 19 days ago. He ran over 10 furforigs as a juventle and should improve further. Three Hills is from last year's winning stable and rates a saip at the weights on his juvenile thad to Sher Dome and Sacho. In bad ground at Domeaster on his reappearance, his finishing effort behind Pittle Gwing at Newmarket suggests this extra quarter-mile will surt. That remark also applies to BACK-DROP, who won a weak Pointefract maden a formight ago in the style after being squeezed.

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2.40 EVELYN DELVES BROUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 2YO 5f Penalty Value £7,113

VASARII, pipped in the final strides by the irrore experienced Roman imp at Sandown 1.1 days ago, was heavily backed to win that day, but the one who beat him is well regarded and there was a five-length gap back to the third, burillagion House. Paul Cole's charge shaped well enough from a bad draw at Sandown and was weak in the market. By America's top spiriter Housebusser, he is bound to finish closer to Vesan today. Vasan may also

shaped well enough from a bad draw at Sandown and was weak in the market. By America's top spiriter Housebuster, he is bound to finish closer to Vasan today. Vasan may also be stretched by Peter Chappte-Hyam's newcomer Rawen Mastat, a son of Cork & Othery wurner Shaiford from the family of Ceits winner Introplicity. The stable won this lest year with Night Paradie, who had the benefit of a prior nun. Mark Johnston's newcomer Railhow Rain is out of a mare who won up to seven furiongs in America, but Bold Adhican and Raiser Hey are held by Vasan on the Sandown form specially as both had the benefit of a recent run. Iswhoo is again up against it again after finding Ruide Aerekening too strong at Pometract, while Mujova's form is inferior to the principals.

3.10 SHADWELL STUD CHESHITE OAKS (CLASS A) (Listed) C4

02-1 BERNATON (USA) (159 D) (F F Hamp) (You I S 4...)

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4-1 BACKORROP (15) (R E Sangaro P Chappie H-hom 8 12...

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5313-22 DEADLINE TIME (42) (BIF) (P O Savii) Lis M Revoley 8 11.

GOING: Good, STALLS: Im 2f & 2m 2f - stands skile; remainder inside,

3.40 Blaze Away

4.10 Wildwood Flower (nb)

4.40 Charlotte Corday

ing. Very few horses have run well since that meeting." The ground also provoked discootent at Newtoo Abbot yesterday where Nicky Hendersoo said: "It's firm and then

fall in a hole where it's almost bottomless." Henrietta Knight described it as: "The worst ground we've seen all season. It's

other horses just do it.

COING: Good to Soft.
STALLS: Round course - Inside; straight course - far side.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Rouse.
Left-hand galloping courses; run-in 210yds.
Course is 8 of cown on A758. Ayr station 1m. ADMISSION:
Club \$12; Grandstand \$7 (CAPs balf-price). GAE PARK- Free. very rough and bare down the far side and the home straight you take three strides and you is firm with boggy patches." ter his newcomer Quota's win from this filly et Sandown 12 days ago. Second to Blint Sha-dayld in a newcomers' race at Ascot last July, Alexaendra was then pitted against colts at Newbury and Haydock. The Sandown run will have Improved her, but is the form glood enough to beat Solar Crysta? Sheemoozde won small races over seven furforgs last term and is bred 2LINKERED FIRST TIME: Rattle (2.50), Bedazzie & Tacjay'z'zitch (4.30), Perty Parrot (visored, 3.20).
WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Gifther (3.20) won at Hamilton on Thursday; Smaley Secure (3.50) won at Hamilton on Thursday, Just Bob (2.20) won at Hamilton on Pricky.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: General Haven (3.50) has been sent to best Solar Crystain? Shemozale won small races over seven furlongs last term and is brief to stay this trip, while Gryadia comes from a fine staying family and gets a 5th pull for the so-length beating by Solar Crysta's in the May Hill, Sasalia in Wishila, booken five lengths into third by the colt Air Quest at Newbury, is on faster ground for the first time, while Ger Cursain said in a solar Tout A Coap showed Improved from to win at the Cursain last month and Mick Kinane takes over from an apprentice. The surprise package in the race could be Geoff Wragg's Barealice, who shaped meely beind the colts Samraan and Clertenwell or Kempon on her debut. From the family of Mixto. Berentice is an interesting prospect. Lamda, a Sowet Star half-eister to last month's Earl Of Sefton winner Luso, made some late progress in Satin Bell's maden at Newbury last month.

Selection: SOLAR CRYSTAL

0000	O TOTE CHESTER CUP (HANDICAP) (CLASS B) £50 added 2m 2f 147yds Penalty Value £36,32	.40	1
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	12-3 CORRADRO (19) (RF) (K Abdulla) H Caci 4 9 0		ē
	00-8 LIMPAC WEST (48) 04s Km Jansen) D Nicholis 10 8 12		3
	DO-6 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR (32) (D.A. Johnson) M Proe 88 10		ā
	11-3 PLINYAMA CREST (11) (C) (Seisake Hate) U Strute 4 8 10		5
	0/21 KADASTROF (FR) (19) (A P Palon) R Dicken 6 8 8		8
	3-33 NOVERRY (FIG (3:1) (BIF) (Ed Weekman) R Hollinshead 5 8 8		7
	3-53 THALMAN (22) (W CHRON) D WHITE 4-85		8
	06-3 BLAZE AWAY (BISA) (47) (Paul Metion) Batcing 5 8 5		9
	CNO- TRAINGLOT (229) (D) (Marquesa de Moratisko) J FiziGarald 9 8 4		10
	45-0 TAROUDANT (11) (C) (G A Famdon) R Woodhouse 9 8 1		11
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Michigan weight: 7st 10th, Prue handicap weight: Heart 7st 5th, Anglesey Sea View 7st 5th, Merit 7st 6th. BETTING: 11-2 Fuiyeard Crest, Blant, Traingiot, 8-1 Blace Away, Opera Bulf, 10-1 Daraydon, 11-1 Carradird, 12-1 Seasonia Spitendoux, Unchanged, 14-1 Kadestrof, 20-1 Nordart, Sea Yicher, Thai-janeh, 49-1 Anglesey Sea Yiew, Lipone, West, Herman, Tarowdon, 150-1 Everio Raife 1995: Top Crest 5 8 8 K Falion 8-1 (Mrs.) Ramsden) 18 nm FORM GUIDE.

A Henry Carol purpor in a Chester Cup has to be worth a second look and CORRADINI is

A Henry Ceol numer in a Chester Cup has to be worth a second look and CORRADINI is back on a more suitable surface after humping 10st in the soft at Newbury on his respearance. Eased whele held tren. Corradini meets the soft-ground where Redeather' on 1.1 ib better terms, and he looked a potential decent stayer when beeing Crystal Blade at York last June. Merit, who took advantage of a most lement handleap more when notching a bar-trick last beckend, will have been well prepared by Paul Cole for the task and was significantly one of the favourites in the ante-post last. The front-numing Fullyamia Crest was held up on his respectance when a good third to Orchesta Stall at Ripon (Bushanged fourth on same terms). Frankle Detton knows him well and the gelding was an easy winner from Welshman or the course in August. Danaydes has pleased with two runs against better cless this term and he's only 6th higher after winning a decent hundlage at Newtranket last backend. Trainglot is on a good mark (3lb lower) for a Casarewitch where. He has been in the form of he life over fundes, quanting off his unbeaten spel at the Cheftenham Festival, and with flat, 4lb cannot be ruled out. See Victor (trip too sharp last time) and Opera Builf (from in-form stable) are lively outsiders, while we haven't yet sean the best of Anglessey Sea View. A Henry Cecil number in a Chester Cup has to be worth a second look and CORRADINI is

I	4.10	BOODLE & DUNTHORNE DIAMOND HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 3YO 6F Pen Value £10,710
1	1-1	ANSAAR (19) (Sheith Ahmed Al Malsoum) A Stongt 8 7
2	611-116	XEYSTRAL MAX (48) (D) (Coxdell Nursenes Pertnership) T O Barron 9 7
3	3342-02	WHITTLE ROCK (21) (C) (Bay Horse Racing Syndicate) E Alston 8 7
Ā	0631-2	WILDWOOD FLOWER (20) (C) (G Howard-Spirit) R Harron 9 5
15		AIR WING (239) (P H Bess (Holdings) Ltd) M Tomptins 9 4 R Hills 9
	122113	WEEDAN'S WEIGH (20) (D) (Ed Westmen Ltd) R Hollinthead 9 2
7	02-1	YOTH, ALDOF (26) (Total (Bloodstock) Ltd) W Hagger S 13 46 Hills 7
ä	150-600	ORDEL LAD (53) (C) (D) (Kendall White & Co List) P Bens 8 13
9	3-33233	MYTTURES MESTAGE (40) (Gordon Myser) A Bolley 8 11
	0 622420	MONTRESTAR (4) Cloth Pught P Evens 8 9
•	1 22100-6	HOH MAJESTIC (14) (Seen At Whaley Partnership) M Ware 8 8
i	2 0-14106	PROMODELY SOUND (20) (D) (G W Byrnel U Bell 85
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Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handless weight: Don't Tell Angere, 7st 3th.
BETTENE: 3-1 August, 5-2 Total Moot, 6-1 Withnood Flower, 6-1 Air With

ANGAAR, housed in the No 1 stall, can emulate lest year's winner by delying 9st 7tb. Angarmy have been fortunate to best Music Gold (stambled close horne) at levele at Lingfield last September, but there was nothing locky about his Thinsk win 19 days ago when he came tote other a slow start to best older rivals in a decort time. Franke Detaod is an immersing booking in view of his past wins on Weedman's Weigh. Air Wing was gisting 10th when he best Music Gold four langths at Sendown last September. His stable is hearing a fine run, but he could just do with more our in the ground. William Hagges is also enjoying a time run and Total Alcoff is enother who can improve further after besting a modest for the Beverley on her reappearance. She will reish this side further after besting a modest lot to Beverley on her reappearance. She will reish this side further after besting a modest lot by Detton derived her at Haydook last August. Weldwood Flower, just held by Gelfre at Newmarket three weeks ago, has to be on the short-last. She should improve enough for the run to confirm the form with the close third, Westman's Weigh. Mythons Mistakob, well drawn and from a stable that does well here, and dual Epultrack Winner Primonly Sound (Sib better with Wildwood Flower), are others with claims.

Selection: ANGAAR

4.40 SEFTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 3YO 7f Penalty Value £7,067 370 77 Pennality Value £7,067

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CHARLOTTE CORDAY, their to Tawasaled at Newmarket, is preferred to Austry Jane, second to Sann Bell at Newbury. Geoff Wragg has a decent, strike-rate on this course and Charlotte Cordey, apprentice inciden when the stable's second storing at Newmarket, is bound to Improve. Michael Hills takes over the steering today. Auntry Jane was in a newcorners' race at Newbury and looked the wirner until Sain Bell awooped. Her half-eister, Asian Jane, won over the try, Sandhill also shaped well in the Newbury race after a slow start. She was forced to swatch when making her challenge and is not out of it despits finishing seven lengths behind Aunty Jane. She was not lonocked about that day. Peter Chaptle-Hyam introduces a potentially decent sort in Tillyard.

Selection: CHARLOTTE CORDAY

CHERSTON

Q4-5 DE-YEERS CURRIE (12) R Fisher 4 9 9 ______ Fortune 7

HYPERION 2.00 Astrolabe 2.30 Birequest 3.00 Master Toby 3.30 Convoy 4.00 Certain Angle 4.30 Macedonas GOING: Good to Pinn.

Left-hand, undulating course with run-in of 240 pds.

Course is an A466. Chepstow station (Cardiff - Gionecater line)
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2.00 BALMORAL JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 4YO 2m 110yds P LEGAL DRAMA (8) John Berry 108 O MAPPER'S PRINCESS (12) H Haynes 108

- 12 declared -Picesant Suprise, 3-1 Astrolebe, 5-1 Born To Picese, 11-the, 9-1 Spumante, 12-1 Little Shefford, 16-1 Others 2.30 BUCKINGHAM NOVICE HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 110yds

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Ministrati Regist 1625. III.C. 3.00 BURGES SALMON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2m 3f 110yds

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BETTING: 6-4 Master Toby, 9-4 Cracking Man, 4-1 Decring Bud, 5-1 Mana 3.30 SANDRINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS G) £2,500 added 2m 4f 110 yds

4.00 HIGHGROVE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 3m 64-P146 PASHTO (14) N Henderson 8 12 0. 13P650 JAMES PIGE (11) (2) U Ppc 9 11.8 060426 HICRE FOE (30) (5) M Text 10 10 3 31402F CERTAIN ANGLE (27) (D) PHobbs 7 10 0 A P McCs PIP-11P SLACK CHURCH (12) (C) (SF) R Rove 10 10 0 D O'Soffice - 5 declared -

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<u> Ligaçõe de la composição de la composição</u>

The Prix Marcel Boussec form was boosted when Shaker The Yoker gained her revenge over Mass Tahlo on the same course last month and SOLAR CRYSTAL, third in the Longchamp race last October after her gusty all the way win in the May Hill at Doncaster, will take plentione last October after her gusty all the way win in the May Hill at Doncaster, will take plention of bearing today even with the 51b penalty. Considering she was never at ease recording the was never at ease recording the was never at ease from a next hard in Pans, Solar Crystal's performance to be beaten two lengths and a neck was a cracking effort, and she's bred to stay every yard of this trip with her darn also throwing Lancashire Oaks witner State Crystal, Henry Cecil knows the capabilities of Alessandra al-

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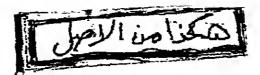
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Michael Schumacher keeps an eye on Damon Hill at the start of the San Marino Grand Prix, but David Coulthard is about to surprise them both

The latest scores and results

going to be McLaren's number two del-

wer that year Despite Miles Hakkinen's

sections accident at the end of last sea-

sen; the young Scot was expected to

be exposed by the Flun's superior

But things have turned out the oth-

er way round, While Hakkinen endured

his reach. Imola is a relatively un-

another miserable weekend, spinning and

suffering the indiguity of a scrap with rent-

Hill will be mightily relieved. After the upsets at the Nurburgring, where the Williams team leader did practically nothing right on race day, at Imola he did precious little wrong, biding his time early in the race as Michael Schumacher and David Coulthard fought over the lead, then reeling off fast laps to take advantage of his team's superior strategy as his fuel load lightened and he swooped into the lead. This was truly a team triumph, a tactical victory of the sort that so often eluded Williams last year.

Michael Schumacher was fortunate to finish second - indeed, fortunate to finish at all, with a seized front wheel on his Ferrari. But the

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ormal service has been re- second step of the podium is as sumed as soon as possible, far as he has climbed so far this and Dream Team man-season, and he cannot be acagers who splashed out on Damon : counted as good value for his -£25m price tag. Nor has his teammate, Eddie Irvine, entirely justified his £18m price tag, though an uneveotful fourth place at Imola topped up his points score. Better value in the future may be another £18m man, David Coultbard, whose pace in the early stages of Sunday's race was astonishing. The young Scot seems to have developed the invaluable knack of the demon start: two races running he has heen off the grid and heading into the distance while other drivers have still been searching for first gear. Having led in San Marino, can he win in Monaco? It is certainly a difficult place to pass, so a fast start is vital.

a driver Pedro Diniz, Coulthard got a dream start and led the race in commanding style. Pedro Diniz once again proved fantastic value for £4m, mixing it during the race with the likes of Mika Hakkineo, who in Dream Team terms should be well out of

inexperienced driver: Mooaco is not, and whether or not Pedro will be able to keep his Ligier out of the scenery in the Principality is a moot point.

DRIVER OF THE DAY: David Coulthard

Lastly a word of praise to Luca Badoer and the plucky Forti crew,

Things started to go wrong at Coulthard's oot as good as his first, and he began to experience some difficulty in changing gear. But still he plugged away in fourth place, and stood every chance of a second consecutive podium finish when, on the 44th lap, he pulled off with total hydraulic failure. But it had been a stirring performance. McLaren are rapidly rebuilding their tarnished reputation, and must be hoping to combine pace with reliability. When they do. Coulthard will be a winner.

> who got their new yellow contraption to the finish line on its debut. The car may not be very quick, but it's a damn sight easier oo the eye than their previous bloated motor.



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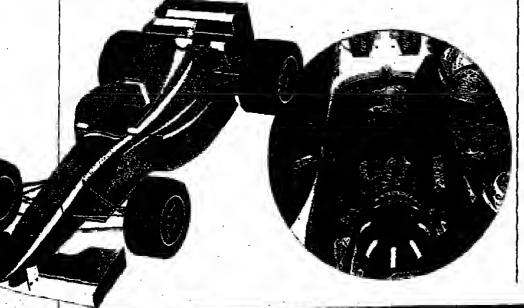
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Liverpool the losers in Docherty's finest hour

Hyperbole and Tommy Docherty are not unaccustomed bedfellows. In 1976, af-Manchester United's feeble and enfeehling performance in the Cup final against Southampton, Docherty sought to pacify the 250,000 fans who filled the contre of Manchester to welcome back his team of losers with some soothing words: "We'll be hack next year," he announced from the balcony of the Town Hall in Albert Square, "and this

It seemed a wildly optimistic gesture, flying in the face of all available evidence, chance or expectation and thus entirely characteristic of Docherty. His team's early form in 1976/77 merely underlined how unlikely a boast it was. The season before, just promoted from the Second Division, a young Unit-ed team had played with ahan-don, finishing third in the League. In the autumn of 1976, however, it looked as though they were to be found out. Lightweight in midfield, eccentric in defence, by Decemher they were well off the championship pace.

time we'll win it

Docherty was advised by the press that his defence needed tightening, so he went out and bought Jimmy Greenhoff, a wily inside-forward from Stoke instead. It was a move as cumning as some of Greenhoff's off-theball runs, the new player immediately earned his place in United fans' affectioo scoring at will in an FA Cup run which increasingly began to appear pre-ordained. Liverpool, meanwhile, were

at the beginning of 12 years of domestic and European dominatioo. John Toshack, the poet laureate of football ("Easter time is very vital. That's when we decide the title") had gone from the season before, but elsewhere the team was stronger than ever. Terry McDermott, the role model for Harry Enfield's scousers, ran affairs with Ray Kennedy and the young Jimmy Case. Up front the perma-permed Kevin Keegan, in his last year at Liverpool before deserting for the hig money avail-



it's there: Lou Macari (right) and Jimmy Greenhoff celebrate "their" winning goal in the 1977 FA Cup final against Liverpool at Wembley

Steve Heighway. The defence was based on Tommy Smith and Emlyn Hughes. Off the pitch they loathed each other ("I thought he was a right twat, as it happens," the ever couth Smith was recently quoted as saying) hut on it, none were allowed past without compro-

mise or a good kicking.

By May of 1977, with that part of the country that was not festooned in safety pins prepar-ing (it seems incredible now) for an outburst of royalism to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee, Liverpool were already crowned the best team in Britain, League champions and in the final of the European ahle on the continent, was Cup, the FA Cup final was set particularly hilious hehind any parmered by David Johnson and up as the second leg of a punches that might have been

substantial treble. All that lay in their path was a young United side and their mouthy manager, who had seen of Southampton, Aston Villa and Leeds on a character-building tour to the final.

Back in 1977 the rivalry between the fans of Liverpool and United had vet to degenerate into the levels of over-wrought hostility which later involved CS gas attacks and mass knife fights. Although the geographical proximity meant that sizeable bands of followers would regularly make the trip to each other's grounds, providing the opportunity for large-scale confrootations, there was nothing

thrown: it was simply routine in

United's in the certain knowledge that their team could not perform Thus on the trip down to as meekly as they had the year

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vice stations and on the platforms of Crewe and Euston was charged with a kind of grudging mntual respect (though in truth United had a lot more to respect in Liverpool than vice versa). Both sets of supporters seemed relaxed-Liverpool's in the confidence of being champions,

London the atmosphere in ser- before. In the dressing rooms, too, the United players at least were in the right frame of mind.

"I think we could have won the League the year before," remembers Martin Buchan, the United captain. "But we got distracted by the Cup. Then, on that day, certain players felt all they had to do was turn up to

Cup final. United could barely win it. Against Liverpool, you believe their luck. Early in the would never adopt that kind of second half there was a cluster of goals: Pearson for United,

Lou Macari, United's busy midfielder, agrees that minds were properly focused by the opposition. "I think it helped us enormously that we were the underdogs," he says. "I cannot remember Manchester United being the underdogs ever but in that game, when you looked at the two team sheets, you had to accept the bookies' assessment." It transpired, however, that Bob Paisley had failed to make his magnificent team take each game as it comes.

Liverpool played as if distracted by the more substantial prize on offer the following Wednesday in the European winner," he recalls. "I thought: of something big."

dressing room when I saw Jimmy Greenhoff carrying it and I thought to myself: 'Why have they given it to him? Maybe he's just holding on to it for me for safe keeping.' So I went up to him and asked him what he was doing with it. He thought I was taking the mickey, but I houestly didn't know until that point what had happened." Liverpool's disappointment

That'll do nicely, Cup win-ner's medal and the golden

boot. I was on my way to the

at losing out on the double was assuaged four days later when they won the European Cup in Rome. But United, as was their habit, ensured they stole most of the summer headlines.

Tommy Docherty, parading around Wembley with the Cup lid on his head as the United fans -- as ever magnanimous in victory -- chanted "Liverpool, Liverpool", thought his position as club manager was unassail-able. He had rehuilt United from the dismal shambles they became after Matt Busby retired and had been rewarded with a new four-year contract worth the theo unheard of sum of £25,000 a year. The FA Cup final build-up on the BBC that day showed a man glowing in confidence. At the team's hotel he was filmed conducting a pre-rehearsed comedy routine with Gordon Hill, ribbing Lou Macari about his un-footballerlike tce-total habit, and sitting down at breakfast chatting amiably with Laurie Brown, his team physio. No one at the cluh realised that Docherty was conducting an affair with Brown's wife Mary, and a fortnight after the Cup final he announced (at a press conference while wearing a black eye) that he was setting up home with her. A mooth later, United sacked him: Matt Busby, it seemed, could not bear to see the image of his club so badly shaken.

diversion off Greenhoff's chest And thus it transpired that Docherty's comments on the balcony of the Town Hall oo his return with the Cup that May were less prophetic than the year before.

"This," he said, brandishing the trophy in the direction of the for the player who scored the

No worries for Warwickshire Bailey ensures perfect record

Cricket

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Northampton Nottinghamshire 232-9 Northamptonshire 236-4 Northants win by six wickets

An outstanding innings of 115 not out by Rob Bailey, their new captain, which contained many exciting strokes, made sure that Northamptonshire maintained their unblemished record in this year's Benson and Hedges Cup. They have now won all three of their qualifying matches so far. Bailey put Nottinghamshire in

were also his best, kept them to a more than manageable total. lost two early wickets when

squarer to the boundary.

He and Mal Loye put on 59 to bat and, on a pitch which had lively bounce, Paul Taylor, whose st the off spinner, Richard

berthy, with 3 for 38, which Even so, Northamptonshire

Alan Fordham was yorked by Andy Pick who then had David Capel caught behind pushing forward to one which left him a fraction. Bailey had already annouoced himself with a drive through extra cover off hack foot which went a little

in 16 overs for the third wicket

5 for 45 were his best figures in Bates. Kevin Curran came in er drive had hrought him three MICHAEL AUSTIN for six. When Curran was 15, Bates failed to hold on to a fierce return catch off a powerful drive and, at 40, he should have been caught at deep midwicket, also off Bates, but by then it was too late to make any

and hit two sixes and 11 fours. Nottinghamshire had earlier made s bad start, losing both openers to Paul Taylor for only Pick and a lovely force off the 13. Paul Johnsoo was third out at 46 when he tried to pull Curtly Ambrose and skied the hall to mid-wicket.

played some fine strokes and a square cut, B pick up and a cov-

and Ashley Metcalfe added 92 in 22 overs hefore Penherthy who bowled well in the middle of the innings, had Pollard caught off a square cut at back-ward point. After that, the innings oever regained the same

difference. Bailey faced 43 balls momentum. ■ Ireland's losing streak con-Paul Poliard had already

tinued when they were demolished by Gloucestershire for a third successive Benson and Hedges Cup defeat of the season. Gloucestershire's victory was set up by Tony Wright and 21-year-old Robert Cunliffe who not on 221 runs for the secood wicket. Wright's innings of 123 earned him the gold award.

reports from Edgbastor Derbyshire 193 Warwickshire 194-2 Warwicks win by eight wickets

This mis-match projected Warwickshire into the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals with a lavish victory with more than half of their overs remaining.

Neil Smith, the gold award winner, made 80 from 53 balls as he shared their record opening partnership in the competition's 25-year history of 162 from 19 overs with Nick Knight. Shaun Pollock, the Sooth African Test all-rounder, returned 5 for 38, while War- Derbyshire's rapidly dwindling is mutual. Derbyshire fell to 27 ded Knight scoring 91 from 72 balls as Derbyshire's attack suffered indignities. Devon Malcolm conceded 54 runs

does have logical first and secood divisions, as supported by Dennis Amiss, Warwickshire's chief executive. This was still the cup and it

from five overs, illustrating

that maybe the county game

seemed like it - some upstart challenging the team that had woo five rities in the previous two years. All was well when Dean Jones and John Owen added 105 in 24 overs for the third wicket. A challenging to-tal of 260 seemed feasible, yet

day meant that their last six for 2 after winning the toss, los-wickets tumbled for 61 runs. for 2 after winning the toss, los-ing Barnett and Chris Adams to The match finished with a

Case equalising for Liverpool and then, three minutes later,

Macari flailed at a ball laid into

his path by Jimmy Greenhoff.

His thrash was heading for a

point midway between goal post

and corner flag when it took a

and arced comically into the

goal, past a wrong-footed Ray Clemence. Macari thought he

had scored and celebrated ac-

cordingly. His cheeriness lasted

long after the final whistle.
"At the time there was an

award of a golden boot trophy

leg-side delivery from Kim Barnett costing four wides hut the contest had ended much earlier. Jones had even employed his own off-spin as, at 55 for 0, the new captain, with a hands-oo approach, pot himself willingin the firing line. Predictably, it failed because Warwickshire are the archetypal professionals as a unit. Not many England honours to show for their collective talents hut a players' cooperative that verges on the unbeatable.

Pollock already loves Edgbastoo and the crowd's feeling

catches at the wicket from Pollock's bowling, the second from

a screaming lifter. John Owen, Derby-born, a rarity nowadays for a player appearing for that county, responded to the Jones ciarion-call with 49 from 79 balls before being bowled, giving himself room for the cut, by Neil Smith.

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Much depended on Phillip DeFreitas, but his hrief innings ended in a familiar way, a lofted catch, as Derbyshire departed from the competition that they won three summers ago.

Benson & Hedges Cup **Durbant v Minor Countles** CHESTER-LE-STREET: Due

MONOR COUNTEES

Leicestershire v Lancashire (Lancashire won toss)
LEICESTER: Lancashire won by

Y J Wells b Eworthy
J M Dalvin c Ferbrother b Martin
8 F Smith c Hegg b Eworthy
P V Sarmons c Martin b Eworthy D L Maddy e Hegg b Marsingon 1P A Noon c and b Waddreson G J Persons c Austin b Wardreson G J Nation b Austin A R K Person not out A O Mullally b Maron Extres (b6, w6) Total (44 overs) 176 Fall: 1-32, 2-49, 3-52, 4-83, 5-142, 8-144, 7-155, 8-167, 9-170. Scotte at 1.5 overs: 56 for 3. Bowling: Martin 9-1-43-3; Austin 8-1-26-1; Elwority 7-0-30-3; Yares 10-3-30-0; Washinson 10-1-41-3. LANCASHINE
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M. A Atherton flow to Milding

Did not bet: G D Uoyd, TW K Hegg, "M Weddin-son, (D Austin, S Ewarthy, P J Martin, G Yeats,

N J Speak not out

Score at 15 overs: 97 for 2.
Bowling: Multilly 10-2-17-1; Milms 10-2-28-1;
Parsons 10-0-37-0; Pierson 9-0-57-0;
Sommons 3-0-13-0; Maddy 1-0-11-0; Wells 2-0-10-0.
Unaptres: B J Mayer and M J Kitchen. ireland v Gloucestershire (Gloucestershire won toss)

(Gloucestershire won toss)
DUBLIN: Gloucestershire won by 166 runs. DUBLINE Gloscostershibe won to all outcomes and the second of the second Fatt: 1-26, 2-247, 3-257. Did not bat: M W Alleyne, "1R C Russell, R P Davis, A M Smith, J Lewis, K E Cooper. Score at 15 overs: 63 for 1. Sewillagt: Patterson 10-0-55-2; McCnum 10-0-63-0; Mode 2-0-11-0; Gillegue 5-0-17-0; Harrison 9-0-42-0; Benson 7-0-47-0; Doek 3-0-20-0; Lawis 4-0-39-0.

8-86, \$-132.
Scoring at 15 overs: 37 for 3.
Scoring Chope 10-1-28-1; Smith 10-3-23-3; Lews 10-1-31-3; Devis 5.1-0-20-1; Alleyne 5-0-30-1. est & Ducleston and G Sharp Northemptoneties y Nottingna (Northemptonshire wan (oss)

7-202, 8-227, 9-226, Source at 15 overse 64 for 3. Source at 15 overse 64 for 3. Source 10-32-1; Taylor 9-2-45-5; Peribertly 10-1-38-3; Curtain 10-0-53-0; Em-bury 10-0-42-0; Balley 10-9-0. Topol o Noon b Pick.
Forthern b Pick.
R J Balley not out.
2 Loye Day b Bates.

Did not bet: A L Perberthy, J E Bribursy, J P Taylor, C E L Ambrose, R R Montgomene. Source at 25 overs: 72 for 2.
Bowfing: Caims 10-05-01; Pick 9-1-29-2; Pennett 9-1-49-0; Afford 8-0-33-0; Bates 7-0-48-1; Tolley 5-0-16-0.
Umptres: V A Holder and O R Shepherd. Essex v Kent (Essex won toss)
CHELMSFORD: Kept won by one wicket.

Did not best: M C Holt, P M Such, A P Cowen. Score at 15 overs. 40 for 2. Somfag: McCagie 8-1-35-1; Thompson 10-2-26-2; Fleming 10-0-44-0; Patel 4-0-34-0; Hooper 10-0-36-2; Ealham 8-0-43-0. G-0-43-0.

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C L Hooper c Iran b Cowen

M J Stelling bot b Greyson

M A Earliem c Hussain b Bott

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J B O Thompson not out

M M Patel not out

7-207, 8-214, 9-215. Score at 15 overs: 72 for 1. Bowling: liot: 10-3-32-3; Law 8.4-0-86-0; Coven 9-0-38-1; Such 10-0-33-1; Iran 3-0-20-0; Crayson 9-1-303. Umpires: J W Holder and J H Harris. Sussex v Surrey (Suspex won toss) HOVE: Surrey won by nine wick

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SUSSEX
C W J Athey run out
M P Spengit b Lewis
K Greenheid c Stevent b Lewis
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K Newel flux b Justan
1P Moores c 0 J Bedroel b Justan
O R C Law c Thorpe b Justan
V C Drokes c Justen b Pearson
M C Philips of Ward b Lewis
D Lewiy not out
J D Lewiy not out
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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Did not bate G P Thorpe, A J Hollsonia, D J Bicknet, M A Butcher, C C Lewis, B P Julian, M P Bicknetl, R M Passson. Score at 15 overse 71 for 1. Bowling: Draives 8-1-38-0; Lawy 6-0-32-0; Jarvis 10-1-42-1; Philips 5-0-49-0; Law 6-0-32-0; Novell 3-1-0-19-0. Umpilress A Clarkson and R Julian. Middlesex v Glamorgan (Middlesex wan toss)

LORD'S: Glamorgan won by six wid Wellings not out
Johnson c Cottay b Dale
C Framer run out
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tres (lb14, w12, rb4)

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Bowling: Fisher 10-2-90-1: Fay 10-1-43-1; Johnson 10-1-63-0; Outsh 5-0-33-0; Weston 8-0-48-1; Weston 5-0-46-1.
Umpires: A A Jones and R Pelmer.

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EDGBASTON: Warn D M Jones Ibw b Res

P Aidred C Glas b Policick 7
0 E Malcolm not out 1
Exhas 6012, w3, nb4) 18
Total (48.A event) 193
Falt 1-5, 2-27, 3-132, 4-142, 5-144, 8-148, 7-174, 3-184, 9-190, Score at 15 overs: 51 for 2.
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Pall: 1-162, 2-187. Did not but: T.L. Penney, *D. A. Roeve, S. M. Pollock, O.R. Brown, 1K.J. Piper, A.F. Gless, 7 A Number A N Yorkshire v Scotland

HEADINGLET: Yorkeshire won by 1.29 runn.
YORKSHIRE
"D Byes c Reifer o Blan 40
M 0 Moscon c Tennant b Williamson 0
M P Veuglan c Salmond b Tennant 50
M G Bevan o Gourley b Williamson 75
A McCrath c Clowles b Reifer 4
C White c Devices b Reifer 4
IR I Blatkey c and b 7ernant 11
O Gough not out 17
Pubes 105, w6, hb10) 21
Total (for 7, 50 evers) 270
Pub 1-4, 2-96, 3-120, 4-137, 5-151, 6-170, 7-228.

7-228.
DM not bat: C E W Silverwood, R O Sterno.
Score at 15 overs: 78 for 1.
Rowling: Williamson 9-1-54-2; Stanger
6-0-62-0; Gourlay 10-03-90; Bein 6-0-37-1;
Ternant 10-1-29-2; Reifer 9-0-44-2. termant 10-1:29-2; Heiser 9-0-4
SCOTLAND
I L. Philip of Biseley b Silverwood
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J G Wilhertson b Silverwood
G N Reaffer Dur b Silverwood
S Selvond of Motorn b Stemp
A G Dewiss b White
M J O Affersam b Veuglass
S Gourley Dav b McGrath

Total (41.4 overs) 1.42
Fait: 1-11, 2-15, 3-20, 4-51, 5-64, 6-78, 7-117, 8-131, 9-140.
Score at 25 overs: 52 for 4.
Bowling: Gough 7-0-22-0; Silverwood 7-4-0-28-6; Harbey 5-1-9-0; White 5-0-17-1; Sterm 10-2-26-1; Vaughan 5-1-22-1; McGmth 2-0-10-2. etc G (Burgess and A G T Whitehead Somerset v British Universities

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BRITISH UNIVERSITIES O A Khan Dw b Caddick U A VITAIN INW O CONDECK
A C Ridige run out
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C M Garbe e and b Rose
M A Wagn b Caddick
K Mare b Caddick
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S W K Eltis b Lee
M R Bars not out Total (49 overs) 271 Fails 1-34, 2-98, 3-171, 4-213, 5-239, 6-241, 7-253, 8-263, 9-271. Score at 15 overs 94 for 1. Boxing: Caddick 10-1-51-5; Rose 10-1-39-1; Lee 9-0-60-3; Trump 10-0-44-0; Heyhuss: 3-0-26-0; Persons 7-0-37-0. INVITATION MATCH: GAM and Cotton CC.
MCC Young Chickens 228 (S McDonald 5-73)
and 1,42 for a (H Barron 50); Warwickshire
Second XI 189 (M Burns 77, N Barton 4-85).

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Middlesex slump to fourth Cup defeat Round-up Matthew Maynard led from the front to keep Glamorgan in

with a chance of reaching the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals. The former England hatsman made an unbeaten 151 at Lord's as Middlesex slid to their fourth straight Oup defeat, by six wickets.

Middlesex wasted a good start with the opening pair of

Paul Weekes and Jasoo Harrison putting 71 oo the board by the 17th over. Weekes was then lbw for 37 and his captain, Mike Gatting, joined Harrison at the crease. Gatting's running between the wickets was bizarre, to say the least. He nearly ran out

Harrison going for his first sin-

gle and, five overs later, he did run his partner out, attempting a seemingly impossible run.

Jason Pooley was next in and this partnership also lived dangerously between the wickets until Gatting was eventually out, canght behind for 45. Adrian Dale took the wicket and he went on to complete a tournament best performance of 5 for 41 as Middlesex lost their last seveo wickets while adding only 71 runs in 13

overs. Glamorgan needed a good start hut lost Steve James and Hugh Morris with only 25 scored. Maynard was in prime form, however, striking no fewer than six sixes in his innings as well as 10 boundaries and even an all-run four.

Dale helped him add 137 for the third wicket and proved the to spare.

perfect partner. When he was out, Tony Cottey did equally well while 81 were added for the fourth wicket. However, the Glamorgan captain was the outstanding performer and fully deserved his second gold award of the season.

Yorkshire claimed their third win of the tournament after the seamer. Chris Silverwood. marked his first appearance of the season with a spectacular oew-ball hurst to secure a 128run victory over Scotland st Headingley.

Silverwood claimed 4 for 11 in 16 balls oo his way to 8 return of 5 for 28 as Scotland. chasing a victory target of 271, slumped to 142 all out.

The Australian Michael Bevan top-scored with 75 from 84 balls as Yorkshire reached 270 for 7 -- mainly thanks to a late run spree from Darren Gough, watched by England's chairman of selectors, Ray Illingworth -who hit a competitioo-best unbeaten 48 off 32 deliveries.

Durham successfully overcame the Minor Counties after bowling them out for 157 st Chester-le-Street, hut Somerset had a more testing eocounter with the British Universities at Taunton, with Rob Turner and Keith Parsons rescuing them from an embarrassing defeat with a match-win-

ning eighth-wicket stand. The students looked to be in a great position after reducing Somerset to 209 for 7 in the 41st over chasing 271 but wicketkeeper Turner (3980) and Par- 9. sons (33no) kept their nerve to clinch victory with seven balls

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CLASH OF THE CODES: Bath may run into all sorts of problems for tonight's match. Dave Hadfield reports

Wigan desperate to prove a point

Any notion that Wigan will be making the 10 metres back into with Bath in any less serious mood than if they were playing a rugby league team would be dispelled by a couple of minotes io the company of Shaun Edwards

The Wigan captain does oot believe in making any allowances for inexperience. If relations between the two Bath struggle to come to terms with the pace and physical intensity of the game at Maine Road tonight, it is their hard luck and they - plus the spectators hoping for a meaningful cootest - who will pay the

"A lot will come wn to how strictly it is rc ... d, he said, firmly putting the match official, Russell Smith, on the spot. We are not in the business of feeling sorry for anybody. I'm sure that when we play rugby league we will get penalised if we get on the wrong side of the rules and it should be the same

Edwards, like the patrons of the Popular Stand at Central Park, is, in effect, shouting "Gerrem onside". It is simply

oaching tonight's meeting the defensive line after every tackle that will be Bath's first and most insoluble problem.

Despite playing for England as a schoolboy in rugby union, Edwards is a league man to his bootlaces, not afraid to use words like bigotry and class when he analyses the tortured

"We can prove a lot of things at Maine Road," he said. "We are going to treat it like a semifinal of the Cup. If Bath happened to beat us, or even do well, we would never hear the

Putting on a good show for an expected 30,000 crowd with affiliations to both codes does not enter into it. Edwards wants to crush them.

All the sensible money is on him and his team-mates doing just that. The old assurance and strength in depth might not be quite what they were, and these matches against Bath might be primarily a way of balancing the books after their failure to reach Wembley, but Wigan will still field a team capable of run-

Bath benefit from French twist

ever, given his team-mates a good idea of what to expect

league rules this evening.

when Wigan get at them under

important it is to get back your

10 metres and keep a straight

defensive line. If we don't do

that, Wigan will massacre us."

hring in Clive Griffiths; the

Welsh international rugby league

coach who is in charge of the new

league outfit based at Aberavon,

to give Bath some grounding in

a largely unfamiliar game.

French has also been able to

"I've been telling them how

WIGAN V BATH

Maine Road, Manchester

union a far better player than Throw in the fact that Bath will never have seen anything like the clusive side-stepping of Henry Paul and it becomes a goestion of how many Wigan will score. Some bookmakers have been offering excessively generous odds against Wigan scoring 50, something they could live to regret.

ning riot against all but the most

ter injury on the left wing, with Va'aiga Tuigamala - whose

transformation from a big fel-

low who used to wait for the ball

to come to him into a one-man

stampede sums up the differ-

ences between the codes - at

centre. It is on a third rugby

union convert, however, that

trated. Scott Ouinnell will con-

tinue to play for Wigan despite

signing up to join Richmond at

the end of the season, and there could be no better setting

than this to show why he will be

badly missed from Central Park

making Quinnell a good league

forward - and that work has not

There have been times this

season when he has looked by

far the most likely member of

the Wigan pack to break tack-

les, and he is set to show tonight

that he will be going back to

most interest will be concen-

Martin Offiah will be back af-

It is not a case of Wigan underestimating Bath. "I saw them against Orrell," Edwards said, and they were awesome - at

Tonight they will discover the harsh truth that excelling in one code does not equip you to play the other. The more intriguing question is whether Wigan will be able to defy that logic when the positions are reversed at Twickenham.

hooker and acting half-back, in-

juries are likely to prevent

from playing for Bath at Maine

The lack of time to really get

to grips with the demands of

outcome of that to prove it.

"There is oo way that Wigan

lost a bet against my dad. He's

and-so that I can wind him up to

bet on anything and I've woo a

fortune from him over the years."



Testing time: Bath's coach, Brian Ashton, is aware of the task at hand for his champion side

'Fatigue factor' worries Ashton

English rugby union's cup and league having been precariously woo, it is a form of masochism - albeit highly remumerative masochism at a time when they oeed every penny they can get - that has driven Bath to tonight's rugby league match against Wigan at Maine Road.

A sum oot dissimilar to £400,000 will pay a few bills, though, so a team who at times appeared to be oo their collective last legs against Leicester at Twickenham last Saturday will just have to find a new pair. Jeremy Guscott and Ben Clarke . As Brian Ashton, their coach, accepts, his players could have is or pref tioo aimed at this one event.

Instead, they have had a few league means that French is days. If anyone knows the inmaking oo rash predictions adequacy of this, it is Ashton, about the game, but the union return at Twickenham on 25 who - would you believe it? happens to be a Wiganer whose May is a different matter, he father, Albert, was oo Wigan's books at the outbreak of World says, and he has money oo the

Whatever your view of the can win at rugby union," he promises. "Besides, I've never merits of tonight's 13-a-side match or the 15-a-side return at Twickenham oo 25 May, they such an argumentative old soare historic occasions after 101 years of league/unioo enmity. Yet until last weekend, Bath had had to treat this first leg as an Steve Bale discovers the Bath coach has a boot in both rugby camps

inconvenient intrusion while they set about regaining the championship and retaining

the cup.

Bearing in mind Wigan are
this is themselves champions, this is hopelessly inadequate, even though Ashton habitually uses league drills in his training for union. But the sum total of Bath's preparation had been ous conducted by Clive Griffiths, the Wales rugby

While everyone else was enhad another session on Monday morning, followed in the afterooon by a conditioned match against the oew South Wales professional league team and a final session yesterday before departing for Manchester.

"Given a reasonable amount of time to prepare, we would have been able to do full credit to ourselves," Ashton, 48, said. "But it's asking a hell of a lot even from as dedicated and talented a hunch as we have to play the first game of rugby league in their lives against Wigan un-der these circumstances."

appointed if our handling skills were inadequate because we always spend a lot of time on ball work and our tackling will have the benefit - physical and psy-chological - of shoulder pads. The coach's consolation is his hope that, at Twickenham. But handling and tackling might ultimately depend on Wigan will find mastery of rugby union's mysteries - scrum,

line-out, ruck and manl - at least something else; the fatigue factor. Rugby league players are used to having the ball in play as difficult as Bath find those of rugby league. Ashton ventures that in a league context his playfor 60 to 65 minutes, whereas ers' handling and tackling will if we get 30 to 35 it's considered stand up to scrutiny, and is more a substantial period. On the othcoocerned at how well they er hand, there's oot the intensive scrummaging or driving will sustain an unfamiliar manls or the impact in rucks, "It's a question of getting the and in training the front-five forwards have seemed a lot liveliright people in the right posi-

> These cross-code matches are made for a rugby man such as Ashton, who played nothing but league at junior school in Wigan but then attended Royal Grammar School, Lancaster, where the only rugby was unioo. A scrum-half with Fyide and Orrell, he rejected a chance to turn pro for Salford in 1971.

Ashton went oo England's illcessancy of rugby league, the vastly longer period in which the starred 1984 tour to New Zealand as assistant coach. In July he will cease to be a teacher spoodingly shorter period in at King's School at Bruton in which Bath will be allowed to Somerset in order to become Bath's first full-time coach.

Players breathe life into Crucible

Guy Hodgson says snooker may never have been

in better shape

It seems a long while since Barry Hearn, the manager of Sieve Davis and Ronnie O'Sullivan, prefaced the start of the Embassy Wurld Snooker Championship by mourning the lack of characters in the game. Everyone, he said, seems tu have "undergone a charisma by-

Seventeen days later, snook-er could sit back and feel it had not just answered that criticism, but set up the Championship for the next five years. Characters? The Crucible has not been the focus of so much of the oation's attention since the beady days of the 1980s.

The BBC has aonounced that initial audience research points to a 55 per cent increase in viewing figures for the first week, and that was before Ronnie O'Sullivan took the tournament from the back pages of the tabluids to the front by assaulting a press officer. Even if the 20-year-old from Chigwell goes to church every day for the oext year, he will still he the "bad boy of snooker" by the time the Championship rolls around next year. People not normally interested in the game

will turn to their television sets. Add Peter Ebdon, whose vaistenats would not look out of place on Gary Glitter, and the increasing profile of another prodigy. John Higgins, and the event appears more secure than it has done for some time. That is also true in financial terms because Imperial Tobacco has agreed to sponsor the tournament and keep It at The Crucible until the year 2000.

Small wonder, then, at the post-final dinner that John Spencer, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Soooker Association, described the tournament as the hest ever.

Such was the excitement of encounters like O'Sullivan's matches against Ebdon and Higgins that the progress of Stephen Heodry to his fifth successive final went almost unnoticed. Except at the end, of cracked as the Scot won his sixth title, beating Ebdoo 18-12 in the final, to match the modern record held by Ray Reardon and Steve Davis.

Hendry did not play that well - his safety play and long pots were, in his description, "shocking" for most of the tournament - but at The Crucible he has such an air of invincibility he wins matches before he gets off the chair. 1996/97 SEASON: Provisional world mail-ings: 1 S Heady; 2 J Higgars; 3 P Ebdon; 4 J Parrott; S N Bond; 9 A McMarus; 7 K Do-hetty; 8 R O'Suliven; 9 D Morgan; 10 S Dans; 12 D Harold; 12 J Wattara; 13 J Whar; 14 A Robklouc 16 T Drago; 16 M Williams.

Sadiy for French Jnr, he damaged a calf muscle in the French filling the crucial role of

Windsor enjoys huge entry

TODAY'S FIXTURES

When Bath venture into the un-match against Sale that won the familiar territory of rugby Courage League for Bath and

league at Maine Road tonight, . he is unlikely to be fit in time

they will at least have the ben- to play tonight. He has, how-

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Sportsrught.

Russell Garcia yesterday became only the second player to pass the 100-cap mark for Great Britain, and celebrated with the opening goal as Britain beat India 2-1 to give them their first points in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh, writes Bill Colwill.

ent of a oative guide in their

squad, writes Dave Hadfield.

Their reserve hooker, Gary

French, is oot only a St Helens

lad who grew up watching and

playing the 13-a-side game - he

is also the son of the "Voice of

Rugby League", Ray French,

who will be commentating on

the game against Wigan for

They take off his commen-

taries'a bit for my benefit at

Bath," says his 27-year-old off-

spring. "But nobody can mim-

ic him as well as me.

Although the lodians were lacking all but one of their Olympic squad, coach David Whitaker said after the game: "It was an important psychological win to promote both belief and team development. With captain Jasoo Lasiett sure led to the winning goal,

and Julian Halls missing through injury, Britain opened tenta- from the edge of the circle.

Although Britain's Olympic

show jumping team will oot be oamed until 2 July, it is safe to

assume that the four riders who

travel to Atlanta will be among

those competing at The Royal

Windsor Horse Show which be-

gins its five-day run this morn-

ing, writes Genevieve Murphy.

Whitaker brothers and Nick

Skelion are among the record

(TAN WINES STREET, CUP FEMAL ENROPERIN CUP INTERESTS CUP FEMAL Parts St-Gormole v Rapid Vienna (7.15) ... (or King Bourloub) stadium, Brussald) PAUL METSON TESTBRONDAL: Arbond v In-ternational XI (7.46).

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ANDY PORTER TRISTIMORIALL Port Vale v Derby Coursy (7.45).

PORTINS LEAGUE First Divisions Oldhem v Notes County (7.0); Shelfield Wednesday v Leede (7.0); Transpers v Leepped (7.0); Velesce Strong v Preston (7.0); Second Divisions Bormistry Preston (7.0); Must Chy v Stackpool (7.0); Newsdadd v Marchastar Chy (7.0); You Grinsby (7.0). Third Divisions Dertington v Wiger (6.30); Welself v Strongbury (7.0).

AYON INSURANCE COMMINATION First

Football

(7.30 waless stated)

Horses ridden by the two

tively, and Simon Mason was called upon to make a couple of good saves from Sarahiit Singh. Britain took the lead 11 minutes into the second half through Garcia at their third

minutes the Indians were level. Prabakaran Lakshman getting the goal after good approach work from Sukhbir Singh Gill. The temporary suspension of Nick Thompson for protesting after being warned for a heavy tackle did little to help Britain's cause until the closing minutes, when a period of sustained pres-

Chris Mayer shooting home

entries of more than 3,500, which

makes the Windsor show the

Di Lampard will have other

members of the Whitaker fam-

ily to contend with when she

rides Abbervail Dream in the

Ladies' Championship on Fri-

day. Veronique Whitaker (the

wife of Michael) and Louise

Whitaker (daughter of John) will

be among her opponents, as will

Malin Baryard, who is based at John Whitaker's Yorkshire yard.

LCL PILS NORTHERN LEASUE CUP Final:

Dunston Federation Brewery v Whithy (at Breingham Synthonia FC).

EWSON EASTERN LEAGUE CUP Fineb. Fakenham v Halstead (at Diss Town FG).

CHAILENGE MATCH: Wigen v Bath (8.0) (at Maine Road, Manchester).

EQUESTRIANISM: Windsox horse show.

SPEEDWAY: Premier Langue (7.30); Hull v Belle Yue; Long Estan v Swindon; Poole v Crackey Heath & Stoke.

TENNES: LTA Spring Satellite (Lec-on-Scienc).

Rugby League

Other sports

higgest in the world.

King opts for **Britain grateful to Garcia** return bout in **US** courts

Doo King yesterday withdrew an offer of \$10m to Britain's penalty corner. Within four Lennox Lewis for a July fight against the WBC heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, writes Glyn Leach from New York. A New Jersey judge ruled in

> against Lewis. Five attempts to erturn that decision have failed in American courts. After being forced to the negotiating table, King has elected to give the legal system one last try. Yesterday the case was being heard by seven judges of the Supreme Court at Trenton. New Jersey, with a ruling expected today. King had planned to match Tyson with the WBA champion, Bruce Seldon, m July, but last week an appeals court ordered that Tyson must face Lewis, who fights Ray

March that Tyson should make the first defence of his title

Mercer here on Friday. Herbie Hide will relaunch his heavyweight career next month after more than a year out of the ring. The 24-year-old Norwich boxer will stage his comeback fight at Newcastle on 8 June.

> TODAY'S NUMBER



The number of Ethiopian marathon runners who have won political asylum in the Netherlands and want full citizenship to allow them to compete for the Dutch in the 2000 Olympic Games.

SPORTING DIGEST Athletics

Wang Jurvia, the world record holder, ran the year's fastest 10,000m yesterday in China's Olympic trials. Her time of 31min 1.76sec best the year's previous best, set by Remanda Ribeiro of Portugal, by more than three seconds. On Sunday Jurvia also ran the year's fastest 5,000m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yorkees 10 De-ting 5; Karass Cay 9 Callords 4; Callard 5 Clave-land 3; Septile 5 Minnesots 4. Western Division NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Argete Plonds 4 New York Mets 1; Mor Cubs 2; Houston 11 Philadelph Colorado 1.

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Basketball NEA PLAY-OFFS: Western Conference semi-ficals: Sestile 105 Houston 101 (Seetile laad best-of-seven series 2-0).

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Football Middlesbrough have put the Bolivian in-ternational, Jaime Moreno, on the transfer list. Bryan Robson, the Middles-brough menger, wants to recoup the £250,000 he pold for Moreno, who has been watched by Aberdeen. Mark McGhee yesterday began a clear-out at Wolverhampton by giving free

transfers to 11 players – John de Wolf, Paul Birch, Robbie Dennison, Eric Young, Mark Williams and six junior play-ars. McGhee has also put Mark Venus, Mark Rankine and the reserve goal-keeper Paul Jones on the transfer list. He has warned another seven or eight players they will also be made available before the start of hext season if their attitude and fitness does not improve.

The Spanish club Español are report-

ed to be interested in signing Tomas Brolin from Leeds, although Leeds have heard nothing officially. Kevin Gallacher of Blackburn yesterday joined up with the Scotland squad and is confident of being fit for the tour to America later this month. Gallacher suf-fered a hamstring strain on Sunday and putted out of the squed session, but after riding with the club physiotherapist he velled to the National Training Centre at Largs to receive further tre David Hirst has agreed a new three-year contract with Sheffield Wednesday. contract with Sheffield Wednesday. Brighton are charging half-price ad-mission for the re-arranged Second Di-vision match with York tomorrow. The match locks off at 11 am and has been made all-ticket after the original game was abandoned after a pitch Invasion by Brighton fans. Voric, who need a point to avoid relegation, have been allowed

600 free tickets as a goodwill gesture. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION First DM-sion: Crystal Palace 1 Assertal O; Luton 3 West Harn 2; Watterd 1 Southampton 2. Ham 2; Wattons 1 Southampton 2. TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: ON Vanation Con-TILESAN'S LATE RESILES (Ne Vacadali Conference Spalding Cap disast second logference of Spalding Cap disast second logference of Spalding Cap disast langua First
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ice bookey STANLEY CUP PLAY-OFFS: We Rugby Union

defensive organisation.

thing that has been pointed out

to us is that if Wigan spot a play-

er out of place - for example a

prop marking a centre - then

they are ready to exploit that im-

mediately. It isn't easy because

in rugby union you fill the space

that's ocarest to you and other

players spread out away from

ball is in play and the corre-

draw breath. "I would be dis-

Of equal concern is the in-

The Queensland hooker Muchael Foley has been suspended from his team's that Super 12 league match for stamping during Saturday's match against Natal. A disciplinary panel studied video evidence before over-ruling a submission from the referee Tappa Hernarg that no melice was intended.

Fina, swimming's governing body, said yesterday that it was unware of any threats by a newly-formed organisation to take over the sport. The World Swimming Coaches Association, which claims a membership of 500 coaches from 40 countries, amounced it had formed the World Swimming Coranisation in an World Swimming Organisation in an attempt to pressure Fina into adopting a tougher stance on catching drug users.

Table tennis

EUROPE KOMBINE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Brackstava): Neo'a dinglass Seni-divola: J Perason (See) of P Kafason (See) 21: 13: 21:18: 22-20; I-O Wato-per (See) bt. J-P Gaban (19: 23-21: 17: 21: 17: 21-5. Float: Watdore of Perason 16-21: 21: 15: 22-20: 21: 17: Westwer's studies: Seni-floats: N Stuner (Gor) bt E Schaft (Ger) 21: 16: 20-22 21: 17: 9-21: 21: 18: K Foth Rum) bt J Schoop (Ger) 21: 15: 21: 21: 12: 18: 21: 21: 8. Flesh: Strute bt Foth 21: 62: 21: 18: 21: 21: 8.

Nick Bollettien is ending his coaching relationship with Mark Philippouses. Bol-lettien and Philippouses' father, Nick, have coached the young Australian since 1995. Bollettien said Philippouses' 1995. Bollettieri said Philippoussis father would now be Mark's sole coach. father would now be Maric's sole coach.

HAUSENER OFFEN Flast round: M Goether (Ger) or D Rist (C2) 5-7.6-4.6-7; B Kesbacher (Ger) or 6 Vikretch (C2) 5-4.6-1; S Pescosoto or or 6 Verentch (C2) 5-4.6-1; S Pescosoto or or 6 Verger (F) 8-7.5-4-7.6; A Disease, (Fac) to M Khostes (Bath) 6-3.6-7.7-8; C Moya (Sr) to 5 Schallen (Jehr) 5-3.6-4: D Vecel (C2) of H Deseimann (Fen) 5-4.8-3; A Decessings (Sp) to C Coas (Sp) 6-3.8-1; C U Seeb (E6) to K Huges (Schallen) 6-4.9-4. Sectional result. Busile (Sp) to A Meanador (Util 5-3.6-4; M Researt (Subtr) 10.0 (Gross (Ser) 5-2.6-1. R Carregero (Sp) to M Washington (US) 6-18-0.

Washington (US) 6-1 6-0.
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ITALIAN WOMEN'S OPEN (Roma): First round: S Cecohal (b) IA Smarthous (sci 6-4 6-3; Flubiam (R) or 1. Garrier (h) 6-4 6-3; Flubiam (R) or 1. Garrier (h) 6-5; Suried (IS) 7-6 6-1; M. Sanchez (Joreno (S)) is Stationa (IS) 6-3 6-3; Fluorist (South it Fluorist (IS) 7-6 6-1; M. Sanchez (Joreno (S)) is Stationa (IS) 6-3 6-3; Fluorist (IS) it I Colores (II) 7-6 6-1; Y. Sanchez (Arg) it I. Golares (II) 7-6 6-1; Y. Sanchez (Ind) it I. Maggins (Sional) 7-6 7-5; Second round: K. Habashos (Sional) it I. Maggins (IS) 6-3 6-3; T. Touster (Fr) it M. Gaptousia (Pol) 6-1 6-1; C. Martine; (Sp) it I. Justical (IN) 6-3 6-3.

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RACING RESULTS

2.10: 1. CONNISMARIA (K Falon) 100-30; 2. Foot Battallon (6-1; 3. Carmine Lake 4-9 (a), 8 mm. 1/9, 2. (C Dwyer, Nomerlan). Tota: £3.80: £1.60, £4.40. Dual Forecast £38.60. Companier Smight Forecast £38.60. Carminer Smight Forecast £38.60. Carminer Smight Forecast £38.60. £4.40. Eagle Hyam. 1/9. 1/4. (P Chapple Hyam. Martion). Tota: £3.60; £1.40, £1.30. £4.30. Dual Forecast £3.10. CSF: £8.05. Tot: £74.40. \$1.00. \$1.00. 1. Hight Barroque I/ Reid) 11-4; 2. 5t Marees 11-4; 3. Prince of My Heart 9-1.6 ran. 2-1 for Ar Quest (50), 134., 2/4. (P Chapple-Hyam. Marten). Tota: £4.00. £2.00, £1.60. Dual Forecast: £5.50. CSF: £10.24.

22.00, £2.00. Dual Forecast: £5.50. CSF: £10.24.

2.40: 1. PRENDS CA (Pot Edden) 14-1: 2. Resect 16-1: 3. Pharmany 10-1: 13 ras. 9-2 fav Sualtech (40h). 14-, hd. (R Hamman, East Everlegh). Tota: £16.90; £4.80, £4.90. £3.80. DF £103-40. CSF: £197.36. Tracest: £2.214.43. Tro: £725.00.

4.30: 1. MUNWITY U Stack 6-2: 2. Tent Pant Sh. 14-1: 3. Hamdy Duncer S-1 it fav. £5 ras. 5-1 it fav. £5 ras. 5-1 it fav. £6 ras. £6.25. CSF: £58.81. Trocast: £726.13. Tro: £144.30. Non Runner: Reverand Theology.

4.40: 1. PREDE OF BRECTOR (Poul Edden) 4-1: 2. Night Parade 11-4 fav. 2. Tadeo 8-1: 10 ras. \$4-2. \$ G. Lowe, £pacon). Tote:

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,034,59 carned forward to Chester today), Placepot: £1,595.40, Quadpot: £145.TO. Place 6: £376.61, Place 5: £93.97. **NEWTON ABBOT**

1.55; 1. MARBIE SOCIETY (A Thornor) 3-1; 2. Ottown 11-4 p tay, 3. Bishops is-land 12-1, 8 ran, 11-4 p tay Josef Man (6th). 217, 20. (A Newcombe, Barnstapia). Yota: £3.90; £1.40, £1.40, £3.00. Dual Forecast: £6.50. CSF: £11.63. Tricast: £78.73. Tricast: £13.70. Non Runners: Aflez Wijins & Happy

Robert's Toy 7-4 for 3. Caspins Belogs 16-1, 8 run. sht-hq, 8. (R Hodges, Someton). Tetar £3.10; £1.60, £1.90, DF: £5.10, CSF: 1600: 25.10; 21.80; 21.90; 15.10; 05: 25.10; 05: 25.47; Non Runners: Hang'ern Out To Dry & Moume Berd.
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£1.40, £5.20. OF: £21.60. CSF; £23.23. In-cast: £349.48. Non Runner: Benjamin Lan-3.25: 1_YUBRALEE (D Bridgester) 7-4; 2.

Lady Pots 5-4 (e.; 3. Dissem Nero 20-1-10 res. 19, 5. (M Poe, Wellington). Total: 53-30; £1,10, £1.40, £3.30. Dual Forecast: £2.80. CSF: £4.88, Too; £22.60. Non Run-

ner Topango.

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van. 1-4 tav Anymann. 3·4, 1/4. (*) Carte,
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£3.80. DF: £36.30. CSF: £79.21. Incast:

£684.62. Trio: £273.40 (part won, pool of £111.69 earned forward to Chester 3.40 to-69). Non Runners: Baylord Prince & Coun-try Store. Place 0: £80.31, Place 6: £46.15.

DONCASTER

5.00: 1. GROVEFAIR FLYER IM Tebbutt 5-1; 2. Poly Moon 9-4; 2. Contravene 6-1. 7 ran. 2v., 1 v., (6 Mechan). Tola: £5.80: £2.10, £1.60. DF: £5.10. CSF: £9.81. Ync; 52.10, £1.60. DF: £5.10, CSF: £9.81. TW.
S.70. Non Runners, River Bend, Treasure
Touch (13-8) was withdrawn not under orders.
Rule 4 applies to all hets, deduction 35p in
the pound.
6.30: 1. CHEERFUL GROOM (N Kerned)

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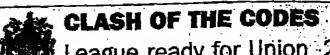
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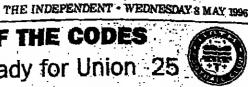


THE DOC'S FINEST HOUR

1977 FA Cup final revisited 24



League ready for Union 25



Clarke named Richmond's new captain

Rugby Union

STEVE BALE

Whatever the incipient rugby union transfer market may portend, it will struggle to produce anything as dramatic as yester-day's five-man coup with which Richmond heralded the official start of club professionalism.

At the Caté Royal in Regent Street, where they were founded 135 years ago, the newly-promoted Second Division club introduced the Bath and England back-row forward Ben Clarke as their new captain. They are also paying around £200,000 to gain the release from rugby league of the former Llanelli and Wales forward Scott Quinnell, whose contract with Wigan will terminate at the end of June.

The lock Richard West from Gloucester, prop Darren Crompton from Bath and wing Jim Fallon from Leeds RL club were the other three to be added to the half-backs acquired from Cardiff last month. Adrian Davies and Andy Moore, West won one cap as a member of England's 1995 World Cup squad. Crompton is an A international, as is Fallon, a former Richmond and Bath player who is out of contract with Leeds.

Nor have Richmond, who are funded by a £2.5m investment by the Monte Carlo entrepreneur Ashley Levett, finished. They are in discussion with another leading union-to-league convert, the Wales centre Scott Gibbs of St Helens, whose transfer fee would be much the same as Quinnell's, and expect to attract a couple more interoational-status" players to the club, their well-heeled

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to their part of south-west Lon-

don in the next week or two. But they did not have the field to themselves yesterday now that the Rugby Football Union's season-long moratorium has finished. Leicester announced that their outstanding frontrow trio - Graham Rowntree, Richard Cockerill and Darren Garforth, all yesterday included in François Pienaar's Barharians team for the Peace Match against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday week - had signed five-year contracts and that the Scotland wing Craig Joiner was joining from Melrose. Within

to Currie from Glasgow High.
The Scottish Rugby Union,
nervous at the prospect of others following Joiner's lead, is to consider introducing keyalty payments for those who stay in Scotland, though it is difficult to see how they could hope to match the sums being paid out to the likes of Clarke and Quinnell.

Scotland, the international prop

Alan Watt yesterday transferred

In Clarke's case, a top-of-the range five-year deal worth around £120,000 per annum has been enough to persuade him to leave Bath, even at a time when England's premier cluh have just done the Double and also to take a chance on his England career by dropping into the Second Division. Not that the player sees it that way: "I have every intention of playing for England again and I wouldn't do anything to

jeopardise my England career." Both Clarke and Quinnell yesterday mouthed the usual platitude that what had really attracted them to Richmond was "the challenge". But in fairness

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

VINERS OF SHEFFIELD

ambition is another allure and yesterday's appointment of John Kingston, coach for three years, as director of rugby will provide important continuity for the current squad, all of whom have signed contracts of intent binding them to Richmond un-

til the end of next season. Richmond's multiple early strike in the transfer market situates them strongly for a challenge in next season's Second Division, where two more of rugby union's nouveaux riches, Newcastle and Saracens, will provide intense competition.

On that score, there remains the proviso that Saracens' relegation from the First still becomes reality if the RFU and the leading clubs under the umbrella of Epruc ever resolve their differences over finance and control of the professional game,

With promoted Richmond now members of Epruc, Symon Elliott, the chief executive, moved significantly from the support of the union he expressed four weeks ago. "We are not in favour of a breakaway from the RFU but I am sympathetic with the aims of Epruc and I give them our full support in representing us at the table with the RFU," he said.

A decision on the case against Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, for pushing the referee at the end of last Saturday's Pilkington Cup final has been delayed to the end of the week so that Roy Manock, the RFU's national discipline officer, can study video evidence. CRICKET: Sussex suffer from Brown's brilliance while Kent win thrilling contest



Martin Speight of Sussex surveys the damage done by Surrey's Chris Lewis at Hove

experienced shoulders of their

overseas player, Australian Stu-

art Law, when perhaps they

might have been better served

Ronnie Irani.

by hringing on the under-used

Kent needed eight runs on

that last over, and a wide from Law did not help the Essex

cause. Thompson, a junior

houseman at the Royal Berk-

shire Hospital, pinched a single, and his last-wicket partner, Min

Patel, edged a boundary and then dabbed the winning runs

Victory virtually assured

Kent, with a superior run-rate

in Group C, of a third succes-

and their fifth in six years.

sive quarter-final appearance,

the space of seven days he has

claimed the wickets of three

England captains, the previ-

ous pair being Mike Gatting last Tuesday and Mike Atherton

accounting for the Essex cap-

tain. Paul Prichard, who by

then had had his right index fin-

ger strapped up after a sharp de-

livery from Martin McCague

along for 66 useful runs and

when Law fell to Hooper, Irani

shared in a stand of 86, but the

innings lacked momentum

throughout. No one on either

side really took things by the

scruff of the neck, and so Kent

efforts and commitment we

didn't think he could take us any

further. After three years and 61

players, we think someone else

is entitled to have a go." He ex-

pected the former Barnet man-ager to be with "a club like Nots

In the two and a half years af-

ter his defection from Southend

to Birmingham, Fry presided

over relegation from the First, a Second Division championship and Auto Windscreens Shield

double, and a run to the Coca-

Cola Cup semi-finals this season.

He bought more than 50 play-

ers at a cost of over £6m and sold

County or Luton" shortly.

Hussain and Law clicked

THOMPSON K

had drawn blood.

Thompson lays down the law

Cricket

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Chelmsford Essex 225-6; Kent 226-9 Kent win by one wicket

Julian Thompson has had a remarkable introduction to Benson and Hedges Cup cricket. Week's short to amend rough Three wickets against Middledesign-drafts (4-6) sex last week carned him the 4 Irreverent African warriors Gold Award, and he completring America (7) ed a man-of-the-match double with a couple of cheap wickets from Castile (7) and a nerveless performance with the bat to help steer Kent Scrap hrings success to Welsh Cry of disgust after party to victory with two balls to spare over Essex at chilly

makes money (5) Endlessly, sailors hand to-gether following summer 13 Irishman almost laid out pol-

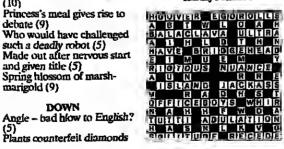
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Tuesday's solution



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ly) (4) 22 Material of a Norfolk jacket?

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to an early appointment. Sullivan cited "Premiership quality and a proven track record" as their main criteria. Trevor Francis, idol of St Andrew's 25 years ago, was installed as favourite. George Graham, whose yearis thought to have been met with a "thanks, hut no thanks" from the former Arsenal manager,

who may instead re-emerge with Leeds or Chelsea. Terry Venables also becomes free from his England commitments at the same time, though he may also be setting his sights higher. Apart from Francis. whose pedigree includes third place in the Premier League plus two Wemhley finals, realistic candidates include Mike Walker. Chris Nicholl, Steve Coppell and Steve Bruce. Graeme Souness, who has parted company with Galatasaray, could

also come into the reckoning. Fry, 51, paid for a poor sec-ond half of a season in which

long han from management ends next month, was Birming-ham's first choice. An approach OPublished by Newspaper Publishing PLC, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E145DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St Albans Road, Watford

Sullivan and the joint owners, Ralph and David Gold, comefforts and commitment we County FA to Lancaster Gate.

Peter Reid, whose transfer

Thomas set for Bayern

tract and will not cost the Bundestiga club a fee. Uwe Rösler, the Manchester City striker, is also reported to be attracting Bayern's attention.

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Lewis on target for rampant Surrey

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Hove Sussex 208; Surrey 209-1 Surrey win by nine wickets

A brilliant unbeaten century by Alistair Brown, and some penetrative bowling by Brendon Julian and a resurgent Chris Lewis, saw Surrey to victory by nine wickets over Sussex, whose total of 208 was hopelessly inadequate in a game played on a flat pitch and in a howling gale. It was Brown's first hundred

in the Benson and Hedges Cup and he will not regret the timing of it. In 10 days the England sclectors sit down to pick their one-day squad for the Texaco Trophy matches, and one of them - the England coach, David Lloyd was there to see it.

If England are looking for an opening batsman who can play powerful strokes all around the wicket, then the 25-year-old Surrey batsman should fit he bill in the end, his 117 came off just 105 balls, 74 of them in boundaries which included five sizes. The hapless off-spinner, Nick Phillips, playing in place of the injured Ian Salisbury, conceded 49 from five overs.

His captain, Alec Stewart, appeared to be in no less commanding form. With his feet moving more fluently than in the winter, his knock of 61 was full of stylish drives and cuts that seemed to bump soundlessly into the boundary boards, so sweetly were they timed.

It was not an easy day for bowlers, though Surrey's - par-ticularly those lucky enough to bowl downwind (which also happened to be downhill) made a far better fist of things.

Aftern last-minute fitness test, Lewis quickly plucked Martin Speight's leg-stump with an in-swinging yorker, before undoing Keith Greenfield with one that bounced to take the edge of his bat. When Lewis rested, Julian tormented with his late swing to get rid of the middle order.

It was a start that Sussex never really recovered from and ular intervals. But for a lastwicket stand worth 46 between staunch 69, the rout would have

been completed far sooner. Nick Speak and Neil Fairhrother shared an unbroken third-wicket stand of 169 to send Lancashire into the quarter-finals as the holders beat Leicestershire by eight wickets at Grace Road.

More reports, scoreboard,

dealings at Sunderland were by

financial necessity in stark con-

trast to Fry's, was yesterday

named Manager of the Year by

his contemporaries. Reid

pipped Alex Ferguson, of Man-

chester United, in the annual

poll of members of the League

Camkin, said the award was

recognition that Reid made

"the best use of resources avail-

able" in taking Sunderland to

The LMA secretary. John

Managers' Association.

Francis fancied as Fry is sacked

Essex are also still in with a ham Gooch, a wicket which squeezed in by a nose.

over falling on the relatively in- shout, depending on everyone gave him an unusual treble. In

else's results and a victory over

Somerset next Tuesday. There

were some heroic performances

from both teams throughout an

absorbing day.
The West Indies Test all-

Carl Hoo

tributed 45 runs in 57 balls to

the Kent effort, having earlier

picked up two Essex wickets.

Nasser Hussain began scratchi-

ly but finished well in making

82, while Irani knocked up 43,

including two thumping sixes in

an Essex total that never real-

ly looked enough, as well as tak-

ing a brilliant catch at mid-on

to account for Hooper. But

there was a symmetry to

He began by dismissing Gra-

Thompson's day.

PHIL SHAW

Barry Fry's rollercoaster reign as manager of Birmingham City ended in dismissal and a typi-cally quotable parting shot yesterday, 36 hours after an assurance from the co-owner, David Sullivan, that his future

Poor Essex just lost out, with the responsibility for the last

After his sacking, callers to Fry's home were met with an answerphone message. "Kristine's gone shopping as usual," he said, "and I've gone to the joh centre looking for employment. Funny old game, innit?

Birmingham were already husy drawing up a shortlist of possible successors with a view

Birmingham stood third in the First Division on Boxing Day. Their final position, 15th, was the club's highest in a decade, but they took one point from the last four games and failed to win away after November.

plained in the programme for Sunday's defeat hy Reading about "gutless" displays. But the Essex-based publisher later told

Michael Thomas is set to quit Liverpool for Bayern Munich. The 28-year-old former Arsenal midfielder, who has been un-able to hold down a first-team place, has rejected a new con-

the club phone line: "We'll start next season with Barry Fry as manager unless Barry decides otherwise."

Changing his tune yesterday, Sullivan said: "It's purely be-

nearly 40 for around £5m. The last match of the Fry era may incur the wrath of the Football Association's disciplinary committee. Three Birmingham players and one from Aston Villa were sent off in Monday's

Birmingham Senior Cup final,

the First Division title. Gordon Milne, the former Coventry and Leicester manager, has taken charge of Bursaspor, of Turkey, after leaving Japan's Grampus Eight. Darren Anderton, the Tot-

tenham player, is expected to be named in Terry Venables' Eng-land squad today for the match against Hungary on 18 May and the Far East tour . Venables expects to confirm from Peking that the Chinese leg of the tour will go ahead despite his reservations about facilities.



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